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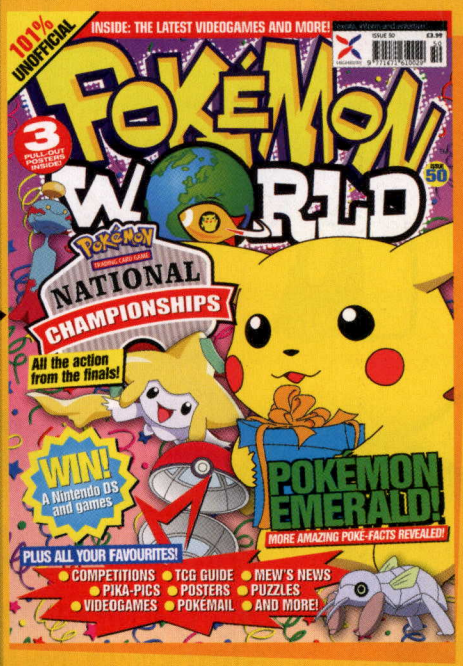
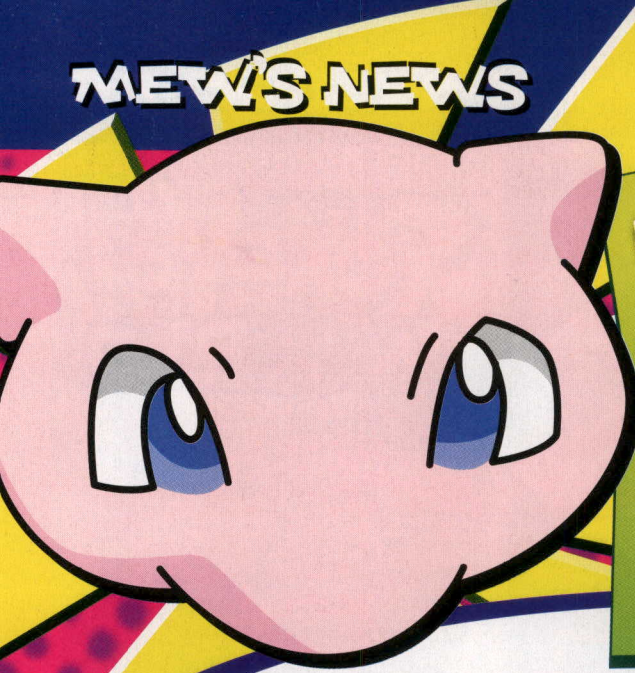


WELCOME POKÉFANS AND thank you all for buying this amazing issue of *Pokémon World*. This month we reach our landmark fiftieth issue, and to celebrate we have been spending a great deal of time in the sun to bring you the best that *Pokémon* has to offer! To start, we feature an amazing day out at Woburn Safari Park for the UK National Championships. In our awesome feature we explore the park and bring you all the action, and also offer a few lucky readers a chance to grab an exclusive UK Nationals goody bag! Also this month we have been checking out the Nintendo tour, which is currently doing the rounds – find out when the bus stops in a town near you and feast your eyes on the amazing games that'll be on display! If this isn't exciting enough, then there's lots more Pokégoodness inside, including an in-depth guide to spotting fake cards in our regular trading card section, pictures and monsters galore in our usual sections, Pika-Pics and Design A Monster, plus loads of your letters in Ask Professor Yew and Pokémail. Let's not forget your free *Pokémon TCG* Collector's guide and beach ball to help you get outside and have fun in the sun. We hope you enjoy this action-packed issue!

Russ



MEW'S NEWS

This month, we've got all the gossip from last month's big gaming expo, E3, information on an exciting new Nintendo tour, a release date for Pokémon Emerald, and the lowdown on the fifth Pokémon movie, out in shops soon! Enjoy!

REACH FOR THE STARS

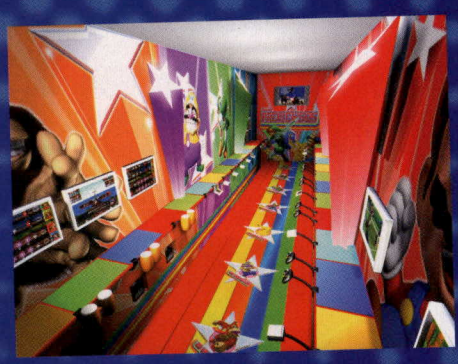
NINTENDO ALL-STARS TOUR KICKS OFF ON 15 JULY

THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS are almost here, and there's more to look forward to than ever this year because a fun-filled Nintendo tour is about to hit the highways and byways of the UK.

The Nintendo All-Stars tour kicks off at Guilfest in Guildford, Surrey on 15-17 July. It will then visit a further six venues around the country, finishing on 27-29 August at the Town & Country Festival in Stoneleigh, Warwickshire.

The tour will give gamers across the country the opportunity to get their hands on the latest games for the Nintendo DS, GBA and GameCube, including the upcoming GBA title *Pokémon Emerald*, which has now been officially announced for release on 7 October. The GBA game is a follow-on to *Pokémon Ruby* and *Sapphire*, just as *Pokémon Crystal* followed *Gold* and *Silver*, but it promises exciting new features that will give it fresh appeal for Pokémaniacs. The All-Stars 05 tour will be the first opportunity for UK gamers to try it out!

High street retail giant, Game, will be joining Nintendo on the tour, and also offering gamers around the UK the chance to pick up an exclusive Nintendo All Stars 05 GameCube Pak in stores, featuring a platinum GameCube, hand controller, a copy of *Mario Kart: Double Dash* and any game from the Nintendo All Stars line up. For full details on venues, as well as a more detailed look at what will be on offer at the events, check out our feature on page 14.



DARKNESS FALLS AT E3

NEW POKÉMON GAMECUBE TITLE IS OFFICIALLY UNVEILED AT LA GAMING EXPO!

HERE IN THE *Pokémon World* newsroom, we've been getting excited about the new GameCube *Pokémon* title for months, and last month this very magazine revealed some intriguing details in an exclusive feature on the game.

We were therefore delighted to spot a video clip showcasing the new game – entitled *Pokémon XD: Gale Of Darkness* – on display at E3, attracting much interest from visitors to the show. Although the trailer didn't give much away, it confirmed that players will progress through the game – which looks likely to be a true *Zelda*-style RPG – with Eevee at their side, but Nintendo promises new characters and, most excitingly, new Pokémon. The game will take place in an expansive setting, and will feature a new plot which Nintendo describes as "sinister". Eek!

Pokémon XD (the XD apparently stands for 'Xtra Dimension') will go on-sale in Japan in August, and is expected to hit the shelves stateside in October. Although it has yet to be officially announced, it also looks likely that the game will be available in the United Kingdom before Christmas, according to a Nintendo source.

MICRO MACHINES

HONEY, I'VE SHRUNK THE CONSOLE! NEW GAME BOY MICRO IS ANNOUNCED

IN AMONGST ALL the fuss over the latest next-gen consoles from Sony, Microsoft and Nintendo at last month's E3 games-fest, one little gem almost went completely unnoticed: the Game Boy Micro.

Small but perfectly formed, the Micro is a tiny new gadget with interchangeable covers that measures a miniscule 4 x 2 x 0.7 inches and weighs in at just 2.8 ounces. Games will be displayed on a crystal clear back-lit LCD screen, with adjustable brightness levels providing great gaming on the move.

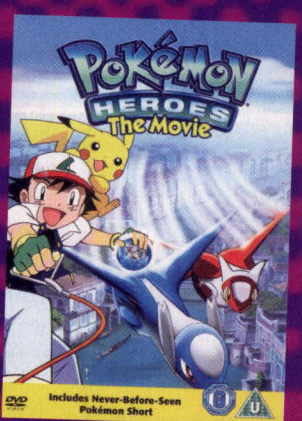
Here at *Pokémon World*, we're big fans of small gadgets, not least because our Poké-pals usually put in an appearance on them, so we were very excited by this sleek new console. Although no *Pokémon* titles have yet been announced specifically for the console, it will be compatible with all the GBA titles currently on the market, meaning we can enjoy the likes of *Pokémon Ruby* and *Sapphire* on it.

There's no news yet on when this miniature marvel will arrive on these shores, but watch this space for more information.

CALLING ALL HEROES

FIFTH POKÉMON MOVIE FINALLY GETS UK RELEASE!

WE'VE WAITED... AND waited... and waited just a little bit longer, but the news that movie maniacs have been holding out for is finally here! The fifth *Pokémon* movie, *Pokémon Heroes*, is now available in the UK. Woo-hoo! Released by Buena Vista Home Entertainment, the film is set in the water city of Alto Mare, which is protected by the legendary Pokémon Latios and Latias. Ash, Pikachu and the gang must join forces to protect this special city from evil forces – and enjoy a good action-packed adventure along the way! Bypassing cinemas completely, *Pokémon Heroes* is now available on DVD and video, priced at a pocket-friendly £9.99 (VHS) and £12.99 (DVD).



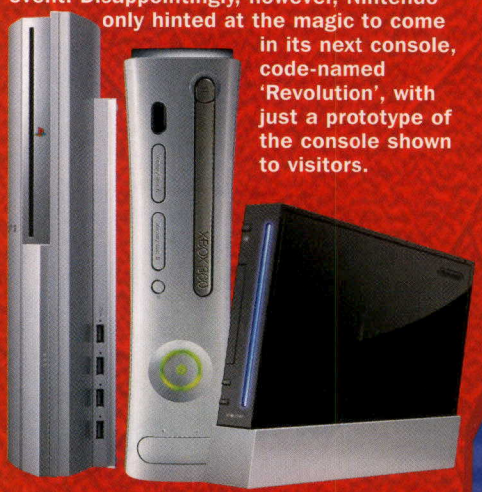
JAPANESE NEWS

TWO NEW POKÉMON-themed versions of the Nintendo DS have hit the shelves at the Pokémon Centre in Japan this month. These are the first special editions of the handheld (although no doubt many more will follow). A fetching metallic blue or pink, the consoles feature silhouettes of either Pikachu or Mew, and will retail for the standard DS price of 15,000 yen.

US NEWS

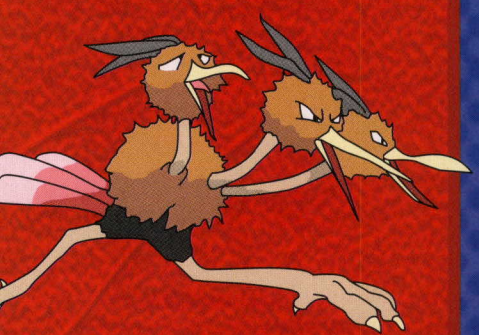
NEW CONSOLE WARS!

THE BIG GUNS of the gaming world were busy showing off their wares at E3 in LA last month. Microsoft unveiled its next big hitter, the super-powerful Xbox 360, and Sony was proudly touting the (imaginatively titled) PlayStation3 – 35 times more powerful than the PlayStation 2 – at the event. Disappointingly, however, Nintendo only hinted at the magic to come in its next console, code-named 'Revolution', with just a prototype of the console shown to visitors.



DIARY DATE

STUCK FOR SOMETHING to do over the summer holidays? Head down to London's Hyde Park on Wednesday 3 August for a free fun-fest! Activ8 is a special one-day event that will feature activities for children and young people in five themed zones. These include an under-fives area; a teen area with skateboarding, BMX-ing, DJs and more; a Body Zone featuring sports such as football and basketball, plus a climbing wall; a Mind Zone offering the likes of art and yoga; and a Food Zone where visitors can sample tasty treats.



THE WHEEL DEAL

MAGG RACERS TAKE OVER THE PLAYGROUNDS

THE LATEST TOY craze to sweep the nation is given a new meaning to the phrase 'a nice set of wheels' as it spins into playgrounds around the country! Magg Racer stunt wheels from Halsall can be used to play action-packed games, as well as perform stunts and tricks. Reaching speeds of over 1000rpm, the wheels are set into motion using a unique hand-held launcher, and players can then go head-to-head in races and battles, whether it be a frantic game of 'Magg Battle' or a frenzied bout of 'Magg Crash'.

Series one contains 30 character-themed wheels, each with changeable tyre treads that can be collected and traded. Magg Racers are available from Woolworths and all good toy stores, with prices starting at £4.99 for booster packs and £6.99 for launcher packs.

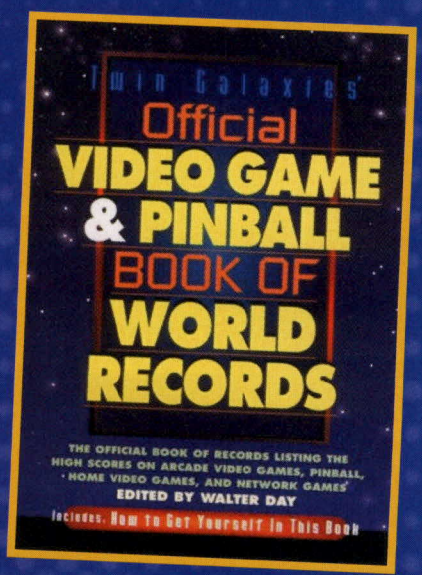
ARE YOU UP TO THE CHALLENGE?

GET YOUR NAME IN THE RECORD BOOKS AT THE CLASSIC GAMING EXPO UK

DO YOU CONSIDER yourself to be a gaming guru? Twin Galaxies, the people behind the Classic Gaming Expo UK (CGEUK), are inviting gamers of all ages to enter their name in the 'Official Video Game & Pinball Book Of World Records' by proving they have the highest score on their favourite game. The result can be achieved on any game, on any platform, including the GBA and GameCube, so if you fancy showing off your Pokémon prowess, now is the time to do it!

To enter, you must provide proof of your score by videotaping the entire game (ensuring your score is clearly visible) then taking the tape along to the CGEUK retro gaming event on Saturday 13 August at the Fairfield Halls, Croydon. The videotapes will then be checked and verified by officials. Doors open at 10am, and entry is completely free for children under 6 years of age, £7.50 for those aged 7-13 and £10 for over 14s.

Alongside the opportunity to enter the record books, the event will also be a haven for fans of classic games, with original arcade games, pinball machines, classic consoles such as the SNES and much more for visitors to try their hands at.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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

BIG TOURNAMENTS HAPPENING NEAR YOU!

WITH THE NATIONAL Championships now over it is time to look forward to a new TCG expansion and a very special PlayerCon tournament next month. Of course, we will have more information closer to the time, but here are a few dates to stick in your diary.

PLAYERCON 2005

Date: Saturday 20 Aug 2005
Venue: The Wrexham Court Parish Hall, Norway drive, Slough SL2 5QP

Time: doors open at 10:00, Close at 23:00
Two halls of TCG action including *Yu-Gi-Oh!*, *Vs. System*, *Magic The Gathering*, *DuelMasters* and *Pokémon*. There will also be a Pre-release tournament for the new expansion Ex Unseen Forces cost £15. Entrance to venue is free, but tournaments will cost a small entrance fee. For more information check out www.theplayersclub.org.uk.

EX UNSEEN FORCES PRE-RELEASES TOURNAMENTS

13 August 2005
Crawley Ex Unseen Forces Pre-release
Doors open 10am
Pre-registration required phone Ian on 07941 411599
further details at www.southeastchallenge.com
Entrance Fee: £15

14 August 2005
Bournemouth EX Unseen Forces Pre-release
Doors open 10am
Phone Russ on 07879 073525
Entrance Fee: £15

16 August 2005
The Gamers Guild EX Unseen Forces Pre-release
Doors open 7pm
details at www.gamersguild.co.uk
or phone Ben on 07802 304543
Entrance Fee: £15

THUNDERCHARGE OF ULTRA DESTRUCTION

THUNDERCHARGE YOUR SUMMER WITH THE LATEST EXPANSION PACK FROM DUEL MASTERS

The 6th Duel Masters expansion, Thundercharge Of Ultra Destruction has exploded onto shelves on 8 July giving duellists around the globe the chance to use some incredible new powers and make sure that they 'own the zone'!

Thundercharge Of Ultra Destruction introduces Charger spells that once played go straight to the all important Mana Zone. These essential cards give players the extra energy they need to get their bigger and better creatures into the battle zone and attack before their opponents even know what's hit them!

This brand-new set also explores the theme of Tapping. When players turn a card 90 degrees, this Tapping of the card can activate a particular power. In Thundercharge Of Ultra Destruction however, Tapping can give not just one, but all of a player's creatures a new power, which offers new tactical ways of playing and outwitting the opposition.

The new set was celebrated by several *DuelMasters* fans at *DuelMasters* release tournaments across the country on 9-10 July. They played with the new cards before anyone else and also earned a fantastic card not available anywhere else.

The next big tournament is Tournaments of the 5 Civilisations on 12-13 August. You can test your skills and your own deck powered by cards from the new Thundercharge of Ultra Destruction set against your opponents in this tournament. Bring your decks along to these tournaments to duel with other Duel Masters fans and win fantastic prizes, such as foil alternate promo cards and much more.

During July and August, if you bring a friend to one of the tournaments, and your friend becomes a JDC tournament player, both of you will get cool prizes.

For more information on the game, upcoming tournaments and promotions, call the Game Support Line on 08457 125599 or check out www.duelmasters.com/uk to find the nearest store.

DUEL MASTERS TRADING CARD GAME

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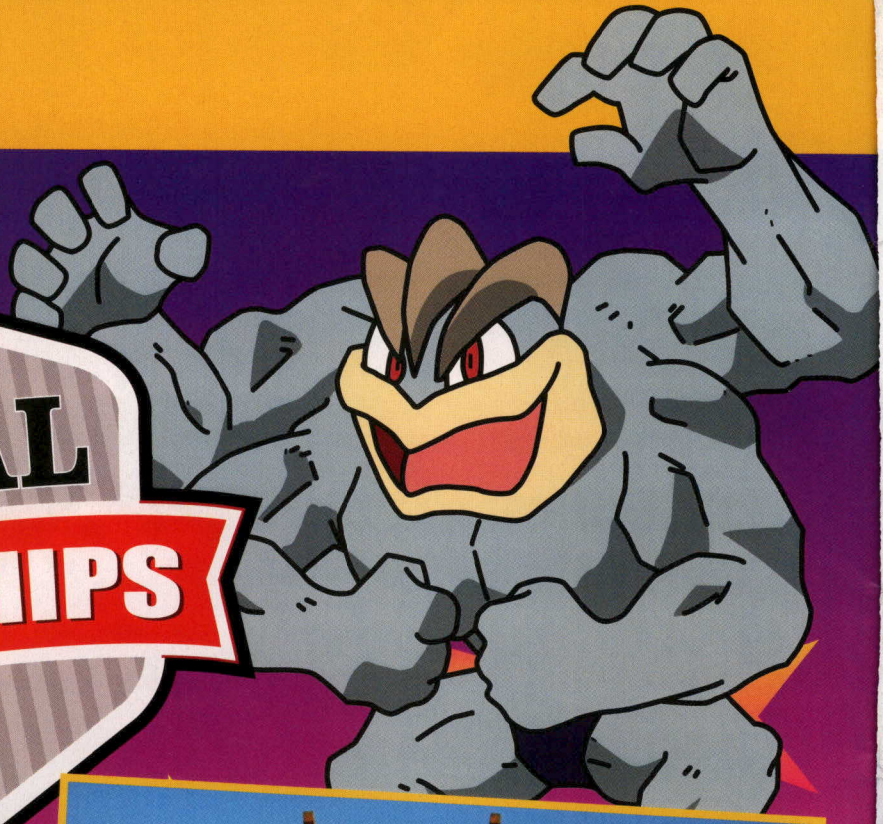
POKÉMON TRADING CARD GAME NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



FUN IN THE SUN

The sun was shining brightly on Woburn Safari Park as players arrived for the UK National Championships on 18 June. Many had faced long journeys to make it to the finals and the sun certainly put everyone in a good mood even if it was a little hot. There was never a cloud in the sky throughout the day and this made the Safari Lodge uncomfortable at times as even with the windows wide open there was very little breeze to cool things off. Of course, with so many good players and with some major prizes at stake the action was always going to be even hotter!

THE BEST OF THE BEST

The UK National Championships is an invitation-only event for the countries top *Pokémon TCG* players. This year 180 players were selected to play and these finalists were selected from the results of the City and State Championships held earlier in the year and also through the country's ranking system. This made the event the biggest *Pokémon* tournament in the UK this year and with all the top players making an appearance, it was sure to be a very interesting event!

BAGS OF GOODNESS

As the players arrived, everyone registered for the tournament and received a goody bag. Inside the bags were promo cards, POP boosters, deck sleeves, badges and also a free copy of *Pokémon World* for them to read throughout the day. Everyone seemed delighted with their *Pokémon* gear especially those that got water bomb blasters, which certainly helped cool things off! Of course, the Machamp Promo we were looking forward to was also handed out to players along with a special Nationals Pin badge for players to wear with pride. Once registered, every player had to fill in a deck list and these were then passed to the judges so they could check that everybody had the right amount of cards and no-one was playing with illegal decks.

SAFARI SO GOODY

Woburn Safari Park is an amazing place and proved to be a fantastic venue for the National Championships. Every player was given two free tickets to the park and many players got time to enjoy all that the park had to offer.

ANIMAL MAGNETISM

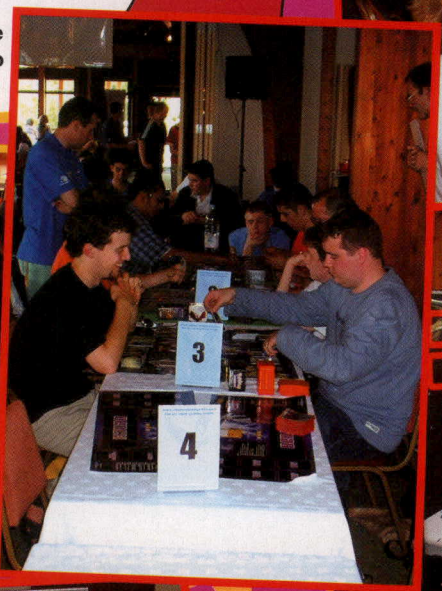
There are just so many amazing animals at Woburn Safari park and all are left in a wild environment and given plenty of room to move freely in large enclosed areas, unlike the small enclosures used at many zoos. Lions, bears, monkeys, giraffes, rhinos and elephants are just a few of the animals that can be seen, and being so close is a wonderful experience that everyone should try. Of course, windows and doors must be kept closed at all times when in the enclosures with the lions and bears, but the majority of the animals can be seen roaming around freely – and they are so friendly. The park gives lots of interesting facts about all its residents and you can even get a CD to listen to as you drive around the park that explains all about the animals you are visiting. A truly breathtaking experience!

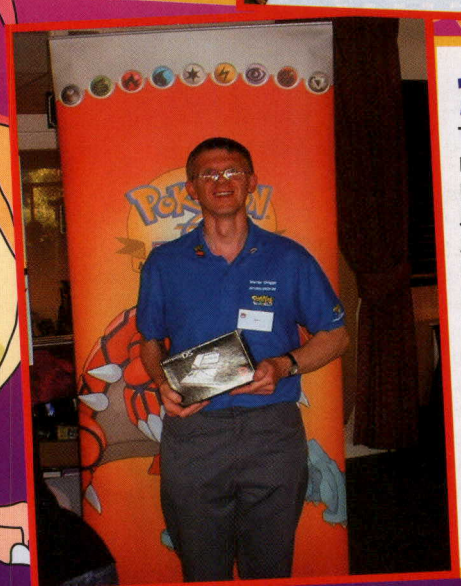
UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL

There are also many special attractions at the park and the wildlife displays are truly amazing. A meeting with the elephants is a fantastic experience and the sea lions and birds of prey give regular displays to keep the family amused when they take time to stop at the leisure centre. There are also lots of fun rides and parks with swings, slides and bouncy castles for the kids. There is more than enough to keep any family entertained for a whole day. The venue was superb and let's hope we can return to Woburn next year for another great day out playing *Pokémon TCG*.

THE ACTION

With so many players competing it was important to give everybody a good opportunity to play his or her best, and so the day's action began with a five round Swiss-style competition. This means that all players would play five rounds against different opposition and points were awarded for victories. With so many interesting decks and tactics being employed it was vital to get a good start and a couple of losses in the early rounds saw the hopes of several players disappear. Everyone kept battling and soon enough it was lunchtime and all the players and guardians were able to enjoy a barbecue lunch provided by our hosts, The Place For Games. After lunch all the players' scores were added up and only the top sixteen players in each age group continued to the next round. This meant that all those unlucky players who did not make the cut had a chance to cruise around the Safari Park and enjoy the brilliant sunshine outside. The second stage was three more rounds of single match Swiss-style competition and this is when the pressure starts to build and the better players show their colours. Those wanting to be in the finals needed to perform well here and good displays by several players saw them rise through the field to get into the top four. After these three rounds, the players' points were added up again and only the top four players made it to the final four. These players then played a best of three knockout to decide which two players were going to play in the final.



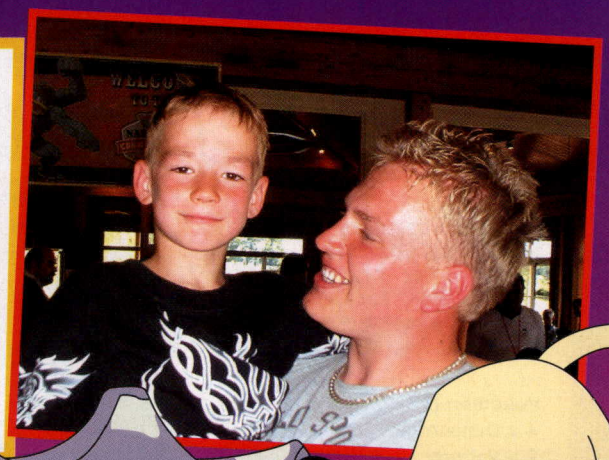


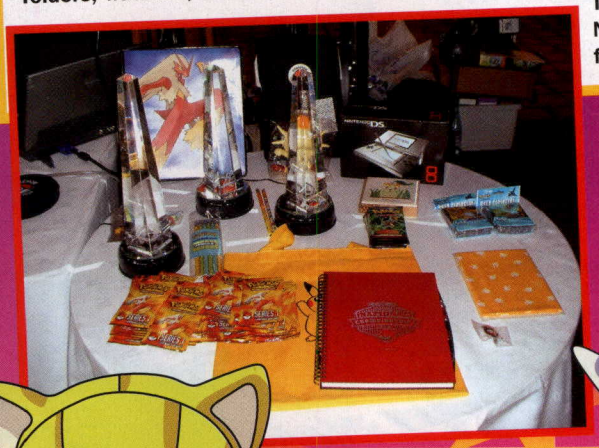
THE JUDGES

The event went very smoothly although a few software problems saw the start delayed by over an hour. Once these problems were sorted out the action could begin and the judges on the day made sure that everyone played fair. The judging team were made up from some of the country's best league organisers as well as a few player volunteers who have passed their professor exam on the POP website and chosen to be part of the team. These guys made the day fantastic and they were always ready to help solve problems and make rulings on some of the cards used. To be honest, the day would not have been the same without them as they all did a superb job. After the opening rounds everyone was handed a piece of paper and asked to vote for their favourite judge on the day. This was a close competition but in the end Martin Griggs won the vote and walked away with a brand new Nintendo DS as a thank you present.

THE PRIZES

There were just loads of prizes given out on the day and everybody who played received something – even those that finished in last place. Booster packs and POP Promos were handed out, along with some major spot prizes that included playmates, theme decks, and boxes of boosters. Also a raffle was held and many players walked away with some brilliant *Pokémon*-based merchandise including tiles, storage boxes and many other fantastic prizes. For the four finalists in each age group the big prize was waiting – an invitation to the *Pokémon* World Championships in San Diego. Also these lucky players received a *Pokémon* bag stuffed with amazing *Pokémon* merchandise, booster packs, folders, watches, and also a huge crystal trophy to place on the mantelpiece. The winners also got Nintendo DS consoles from Nintendo.





THE WINNERS

After the day's action everyone was getting tired, but the four finalists continued to play fairly. The judges watched every game closely to ensure no cheating was going on, and with all four players knowing they would be invited to the world championships the pressure was off a little. These players played exceptionally well on the day and deserve to represent the UK at the World Championships in August. They also have a very good chance of winning so the best of luck to all of them. Here are the top four players in each age group at this years UK Nationals:

10yrs-and-under		11-to-14yrs		15yrs-and-over	
1	Adam Hawkins	1	Nicholas Fotheringham	1	Chris McGiven
2	Peter Callaway	2	Yascine Sekkoum	2	Faisal Khan
3	Ross Alexander	3	Shane Herridge	3	Sami Sekkoum
4	Adil Bawa	4	Stephen Green	4	John Hawkins

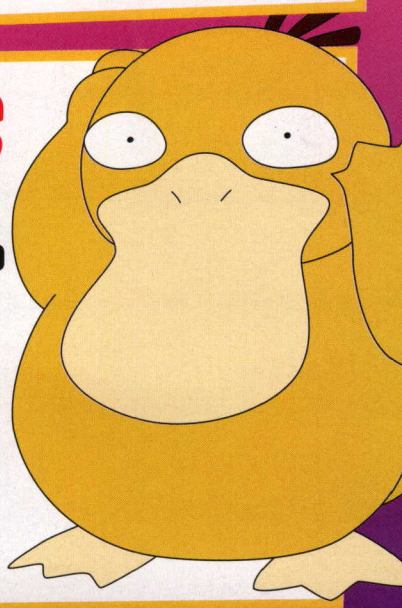
WIN NATIONAL GOODY BAGS

THE PACKED GOODY bags were one of the highlights of the UK Nationals this year and thanks to our friends and The Place For Games we managed to grab the last eight goody bags that were not used on the day. Inside there are deck sleeves, promo cards, pin badges and much, much more. If you were unable to make it to the Nationals and fancy your chances of grabbing one of these bags then all you have to do is answer the following simple question:

Q: Where are the Pokémon TCG World Championships going to be held this year?

A: PARIS
B: SAN DIEGO
C: SYDNEY
D: ROME

Now just send your answer in an email along with your full name, age and address to pwcompetitions@paragon.co.uk by 17 August 2005. Good luck!



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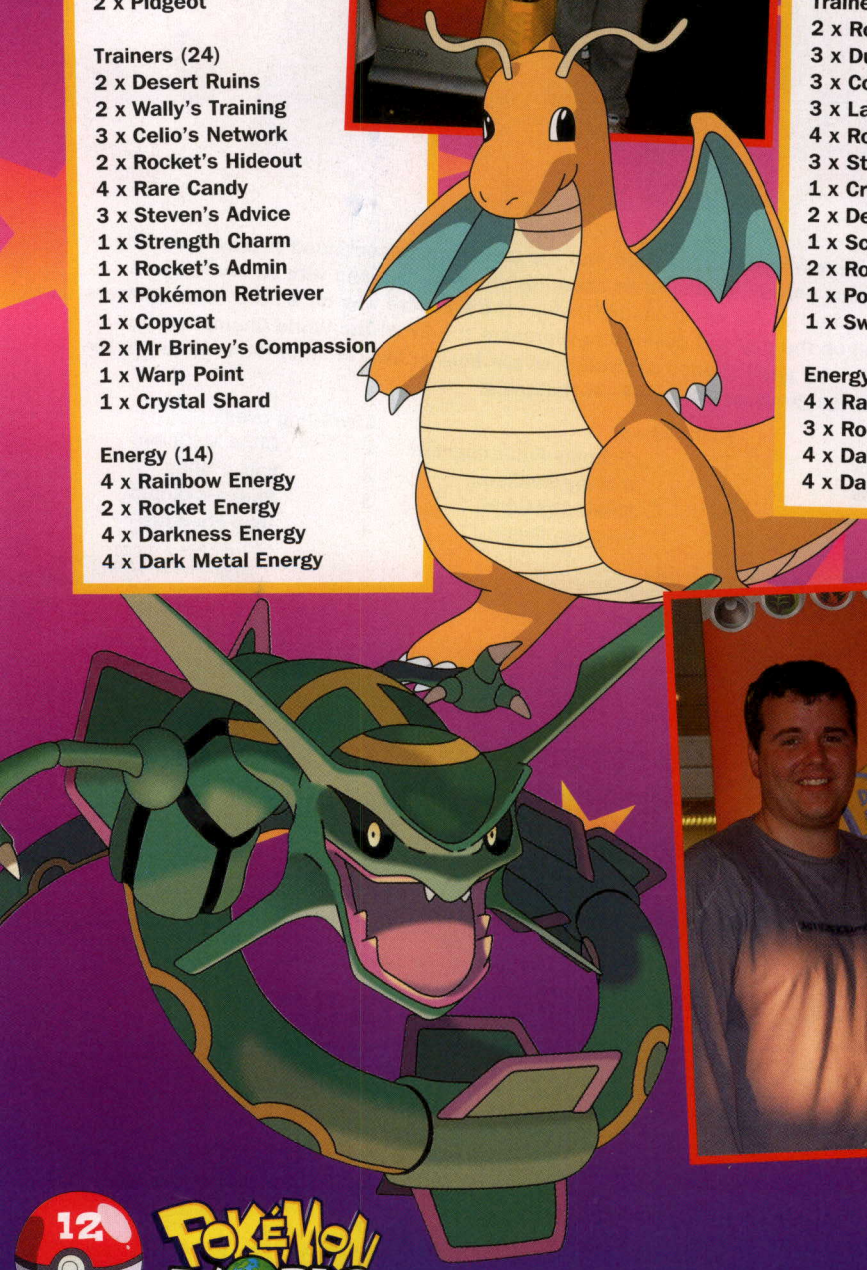
WINNING DECKS

ADAM HAWKINS 10-AND-UNDER DRAGTRODE

Pokémon (22)
4 x Dunsparce
2 x Voltorb
2 x Dk Electrode
3 x Dratini
3 x Dk Dragonair
3 x Dk Dragonite
2 x Pidgey
1 x Pidgeotto
2 x Pidgeot

Trainers (24)
2 x Desert Ruins
2 x Wally's Training
3 x Celio's Network
2 x Rocket's Hideout
4 x Rare Candy
3 x Steven's Advice
1 x Strength Charm
1 x Rocket's Admin
1 x Pokémon Retriever
1 x Copycat
2 x Mr Briney's Compassion
1 x Warp Point
1 x Crystal Shard

Energy (14)
4 x Rainbow Energy
2 x Rocket Energy
4 x Darkness Energy
4 x Dark Metal Energy

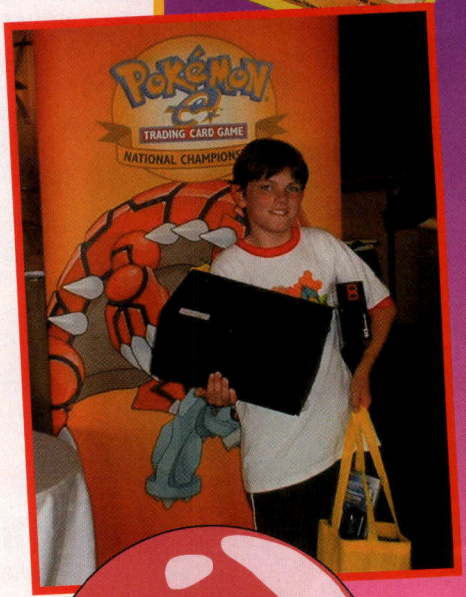


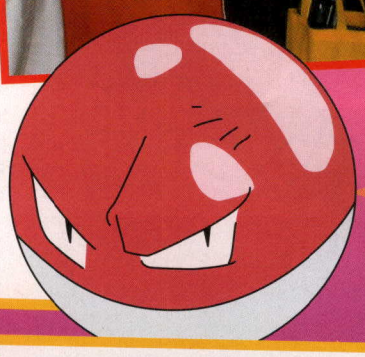
NICHOLAS FOTHERINGHAM 11-14 DRAGTRODE

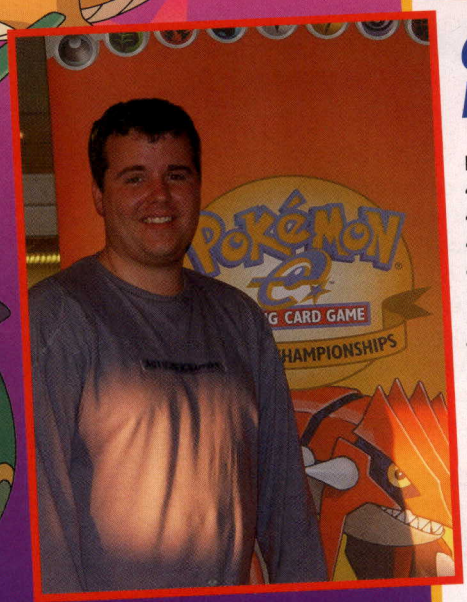
Pokémon (19)
3 x Dratini
3 x Dk Dragonair
3 x Dk Dragonite
3 x Voltorb
3 x Dk Electrode
3 x Rocket's Sneasel EX
1 x Rocket's Scyther EX

Trainers (26)
2 x Rocket's Admin
3 x Dual Ball
3 x Copycat
3 x Lanette's Net Search
4 x Rocket's Pokéball
3 x Steven's Advice
1 x Crystal Shard
2 x Desert Ruins
1 x Scott
2 x Rocket's Hideout
1 x Pokémon Retriever
1 x Switch

Energy (15)
4 x Rainbow Energy
3 x Rocket Energy
4 x Darkness Energy
4 x Dark Metal Energy







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Pokémon (17)
4 x Zapdos EX
4 x Moltres EX
4 x Kangaskhan
4 x Wobbuffet
1 x Rayquaza *

Trainers (19)
4 x Lanette's Net Search
4 x Scott
4 x Exp All
4 x Battle Frontier
3 x Mr Stone's Project

Energy (24)
11 x Fire Energy
11 x Lightning Energy
2 x Psychic

WIN! WIN! WIN!

NINTENDO DS NINTENDO DS NINTENDO DS NINTEN

Win a Nintendo DS

Another Great Giveaway

THE NEW NINTENDO DS has been a huge success and has sold over 250,000 units in the UK already. Of course, plenty of new games are also available and the latest release, *Another Code*, is the first adventure game to arrive on the system. The new game has many new ways to utilise the special features of the DS and is available from 24 June. To promote the launch of this amazing game our friends at Nintendo have given us a brand new Nintendo DS and a copy of *Another Code* to give away to one lucky winner, plus we have also got five runner-up prizes who will also win a copy of the game. This one of these fantastic prizes all you have to do is answer the following simple question.

Q: Where was the UK National Championships held this year?

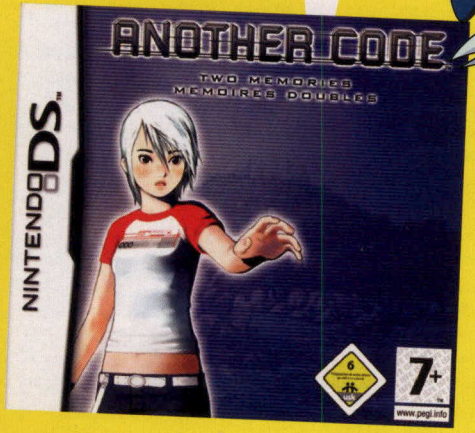
A: LEGO LAND

B: WOBURN SAFARI PARK

C: BLACKPOOL PLEASURE BEACH

D: EARL'S COURT

Now just send your answer in an email along with your full name, age and address to pwcompetitions@paragon.co.uk by 17 August 2005. Good luck!



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NINTENDO ON THE MOVE

Your chance to play the biggest games of the year!

YOU MAY WELL have read about the massive E3 show that took place in Los Angeles back in May. For those of you who don't know about it, it's an event where games developers and publishers from all over the world gather together with the gaming press (people like us!) to show off the very best new videogames and games consoles. Yup, that's right: for three days we get to sit down and play all the games that you're going to be seeing towards the end of the year and beyond. The only downside is that the general public aren't allowed in. Not to worry though, because Nintendo is setting off on a small tour of the UK over the next few weeks and you'll be able to sample all their finest wares months before they're due to hit the shelves! What better way to see what's coming and figure out whether you'll be buying it or not?

Possibly the biggest news is that you'll be able to get your mits on the three biggest Nintendo titles of the year: *Pokémon XD*, *Legend Of Zelda: Twilight Princess* and Nintendo's amazing new puppy primer *Nintendogs*, as well as a handful of other GameCube, Nintendo DS and Game Boy Advance corkers. If you're a Nintendo fan it's a no-brainer: check out the map on this page and see how close Nintendo is coming to your hometown. Grab the details from these very pages and read up on all the big games! Everything you need to know is right here. Now get organising!

SUNDERLAND AIR SHOW
30-31 July
Info W: www.sunderland-airshow.com
T: 0191 553 2006 (national rates)

ROYAL LANCASHIRE AGRICULTURAL SHOW
26-28 July
Info W: www.rlas.co.uk
T: 0900 801 44 22
(calls cost 60p/min)

NORTHAMPTON BALLOON FESTIVAL
18-21 August
Info W: www.northampton balloonfestival.com
T: 01604 838222
(national rates)

NOTTINGHAM RIVERSIDE FESTIVAL
5-7 August
Info W: www.nottinghamevents.org
T: 0115 9152773 (national rates)

GUILFEST
15-17 July
Info
W: www.guilfest.co.uk
T: 01483 454159
(national rates)

TOWN AND COUNTRY FESTIVAL, WARWICKSHIRE
27-29 August
Info W:
www.townandcountryfestival.org.uk
T: 02476 696969 (national rates)

EASTBOURNE AIR SHOW
11-14 August
Info W: www.eastbourneairshow.co.uk
T: 01323 411400
(national rates)

WHAT'S ON SHOW?

FULL LISTINGS OF THE GAMES YOU CAN PLAY

GAME NAME	FORMAT
The Legend of Zelda: Twilight Princess	GameCube
Pokemon XD: Gale Of Darkness	GameCube
Super Mario Strikers	GameCube
Mario Kart: Double Dash!!	GameCube
Mario Power Tennis	GameCube
Mario Party 6	GameCube
Donkey Kong: Jungle Beat	GameCube
Donkey Konga 2	GameCube
StarFox: Assault	GameCube
Yoshi's Universal Gravitation	GBA
Wario Ware: Twisted!	GBA
Mario Party Advance	GBA
Pokémon Emerald	GBA
Mario Tennis	GBA
Nintendogs	Nintendo DS
Metroid Prime: Hunters	Nintendo DS
Super Mario 64 DS	Nintendo DS
Pokémon Dash!	Nintendo DS
Yoshi Touch & Go	Nintendo DS
Mario Kart DS	Nintendo DS
New Super Mario Bros.	Nintendo DS

LEGEND OF ZELDA: TWILIGHT PRINCESS

UTILISE THE POWERS OF THE WOLF!

This is the game that we're most excited about. Zelda games are always amazing but this one looks like it's going to take the series to all-new levels. It looks a little bit like *Ocarina Of Time*, albeit with far better graphics. Link will get to ride horses, call upon hawks and even turn into a wolf! The land of Hyrule is being consumed by the Twilight Realm, and it's your job to save the world from evil.

POKÉMON XD: GALE OF DARKNESS

MONSTERS IN THE SHADOWS...

Combining the graphics of *Pokémon Colosseum* with the gameplay of the Game Boy *Pokémon* games, *Pokémon XD* looks set to be the most impressive monster snagging game yet. Nintendo is promising a mammoth gamer with many RPG elements that concentrates on the mystery of the Shadow Lugia. The game sees you snagging Shadow Pokémon as opposed to regular monsters. The game isn't out until October but you can play through the demo at the Nintendo stand.

SUPER MARIO STRIKERS

ON ME 'EAD SON!

Love five-a-side football? Love Mario? Then this is for you. Seriously though, anyone into their arcade-style sports games will love this. You get to play as a team of Nintendo characters in an over-the-top, all-out, no-holds-barred kick-about. Think *FIFA Street* but with better graphics and plenty of super moves and dirty tackles. If you've played the classic *Sega Soccer Slam* then you'll know exactly what to expect: this is made by the same people!

MARIO KART DS

BE THE LEADER OF THE PACK!

Nintendo is all set to take the DS online towards the end of the year and *Mario Kart DS* will be the first game to do it. The new kart racer boasts four-player Wi-Fi play, which means that you can hook up to the internet wirelessly and play against seven other people. If you don't have a broadband hotspot or would rather just get your mates round, the game also caters for eight-players!

NINTENDOGS

SIT... STAY... AND FLIP!

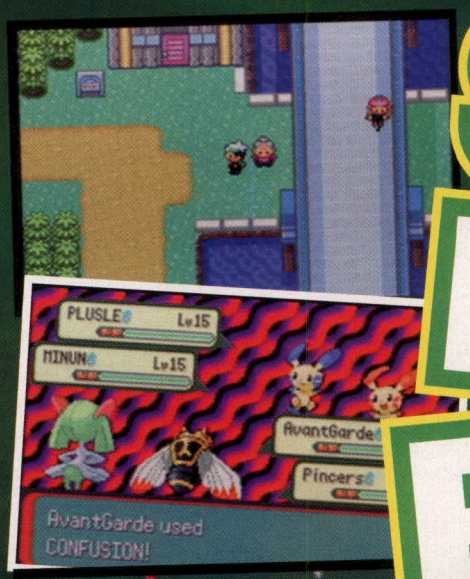
Nobody knows that much about *Nintendogs* in this country just yet, but in Japan it's been a massive hit. It's kind of like Tamagotchi for the year 2005. You get to choose a puppy before training them, teaching them to follow simple commands and eventually making them an obedient friend. You can use the touch screen to pet them, and you can even use the microphone to give them commands. There will be three different versions of the game available, each containing different breeds of dogs.

MARIO TENNIS

FOUR! OOOPS, WRONG SPORT...

You may remember *Mario Power Tennis* on the GameCube. Well, that game is going to be available to play as well, but it's the GBA version that you should be excited about. Considering it's a GBA game we'll think you agree that it looks superb. Players have to train hard in the Royal Tennis Academy to stand a chance. Once you're good enough you can go up against the likes of Mario and Donkey Kong in order to beat the game and unlock the many secret characters on offer.

Shiny Happy People

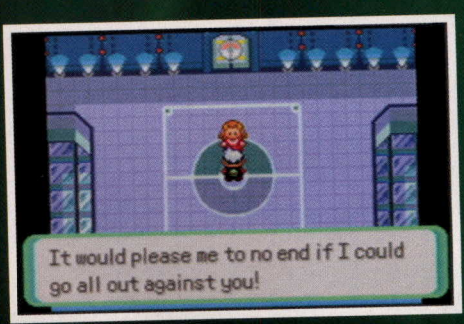


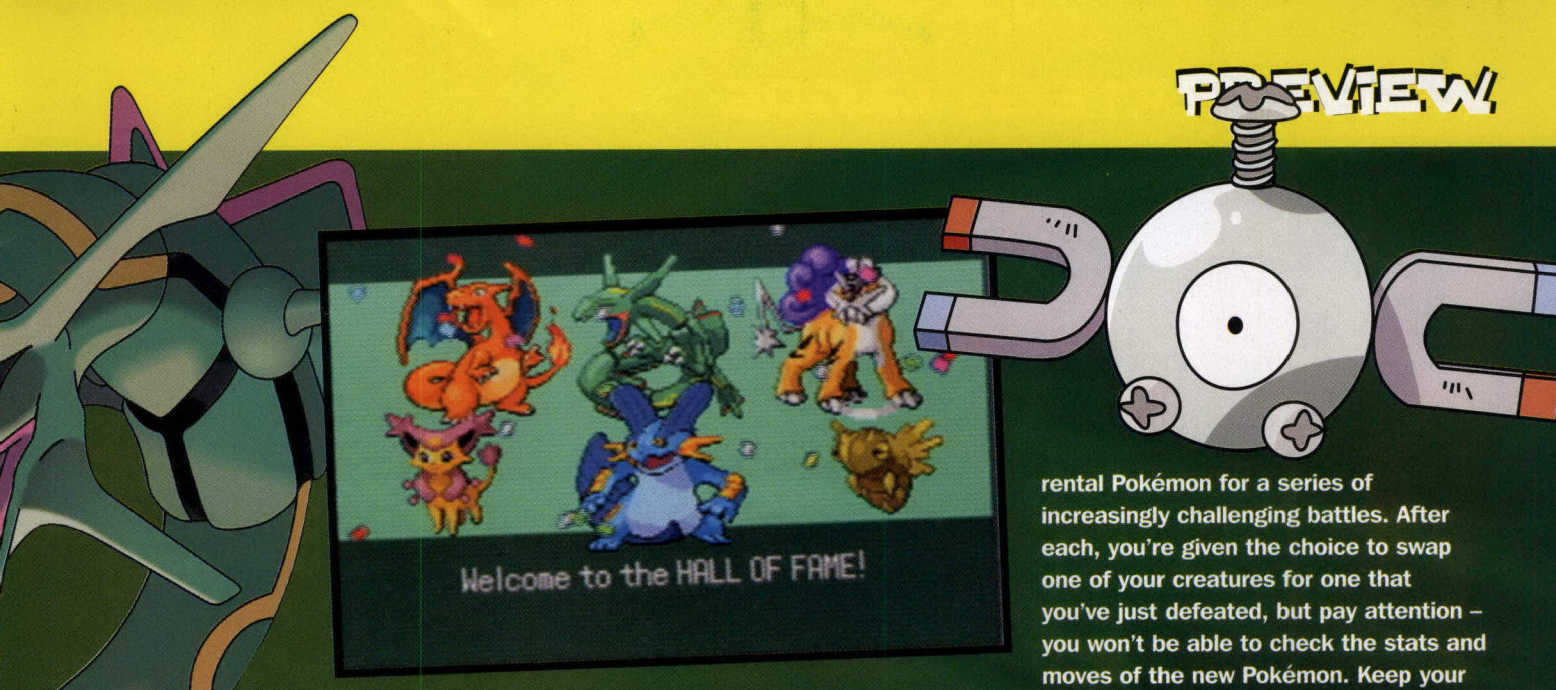
Emerald is here and there's even more to it than we thought!

WHILE US EURO gamers might have another couple of months to wait for *Pokémon Emerald*, our American counterparts have already started getting their teeth into the latest *Pokémon* game! As you probably already know, *Emerald* is to *Ruby* and *Sapphire* what *Crystal* was to *Gold* and *Silver* and what *Yellow* was to *Red* and *Blue* – an enhanced version of the original games that builds on the story and adds all-new elements, making sure that even if you went all the way through the first set of games, you'll still have an excuse to pick up *Emerald*. We've known for some time that the new story would feature the exploits of both Team Aqua and Team Magma but in putting a little time into the game, there's so much that was never mentioned that we're as happy as a Snorlax in a warehouse full of food!

RUNAWAY TRAINER

The first new thing we noticed was the various new ways to interact with trainers – even Gym Leaders – as you head for the Elite Four and the title of Pokémon Master. For starters, two-on-two battles are a much more common occurrence. As well as the original pairs of trainers, you can be challenged by two total strangers if you cross both their paths at the same time. These new dual duels are harder than usual as both trainers are likely to have different types of monsters and usually, more of them too. This makes for some very odd teams that can be quite tricky to deal with, depending on your chosen squad. Thankfully, though, these strangers don't often have the best grasp on team strategies. Secondly, you'll receive a new addition to your PokéNav relatively early in the game that acts in much the same way as the PokéGear from *Gold* and *Silver*. You'll be able to log other trainers and characters in the Match Call section and as well as them contacting you with useful (and





sometimes not-so-useful) information, you can ring them to organise rematches. This is particularly useful when training up a team – what better way to put a squad to the test than by returning to one of the Gyms and putting the new selection through their paces?

ANIMANIACS

Another nice new touch is the pre-battle animations for each Pokémon. It may not be much compared to the elaborate movements of *Pokémon Colosseum* but they do give a far better idea of just what you're up against. They range from the simple – Marrill just bobbles around a bit – to the slightly more elaborate. Sableye, for instance, fades in and out of the shadows in a particularly menacing fashion while Magnemite spins about the screen like crazy! Add these to the existing (and in some cases improved) battle animations that accompany the moves and battles are now that much more varied and exciting. It looks so good, we have to wonder how much further they'll be able to push it with the DS games, *Diamond* and *Pearl*, that are due out by the year's end. They've got two screens to play with next time, after all...

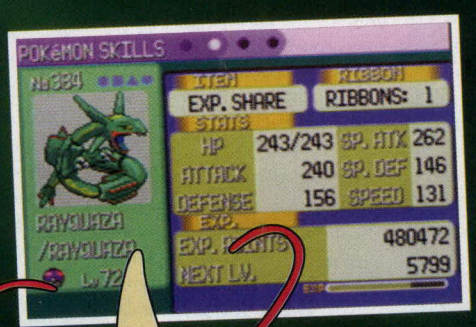
GOGGLEBOX GOODNESS

Like seeing reports of your exploits on the televisions scattered around the game? Then you're in for a real treat in *Pokémon Emerald*! As well as the classic shows that can be set up by reporters, new shows cover everything from squad selection to nicknames and by trading with other people, details of their Pokémon will be shown on your TVs too! Remember to trade and battle with lots of people and you'll be able to learn even more about them and their Pokémon just by playing *Emerald* on your own! Also, by using the Record Corner option upstairs in any Pokémon Center, you can exchange even more information between two copies of the game – again, swap information with loads of people and spread tales of your success across the entire world!

EVENTS CONSPIRE

If you've seen any of our other reports on *Pokémon Emerald*, chances are you'll have heard about the Battle Frontier, a Pokémon theme park that becomes available after you defeat the Elite Four. As it turns out, you won't need to wait that long to get a new battle fix – Battle Tents now fill the Hoenn region, offering trainers the chance to borrow a trio of Level 30 rental Pokémon for a series of increasingly challenging battles. After each, you're given the choice to swap one of your creatures for one that you've just defeated, but pay attention – you won't be able to check the stats and moves of the new Pokémon. Keep your eyes out for the star monsters, remember the basics and you should be able to clear each and every Battle Tent and Trainer Tower (yes, there are even more now) in the land!

That's most of what we've spotted so far – keep your eyes peeled over the next few months for further updates and we'll have a review of the UK version just in time for the game's release in September! Don't forget to keep training in the meantime, as you'll be able to swap your monsters over to *Emerald* when it comes out and give yourself a bit of a headstart!



DOUBLE TROUBLE

No it's not Team Rocket that are causing a fuss this time... it's fake cards!

THEY'RE BACK WITH a vengence and we don't mean that troublesome Team Rocket duo – this summer FAKE POKÉMON CARDS are back. Already the staff here at *Pokémon World* have seen fakes from the old Wizards Of The Coast (WOTC) set, Skyridge, to the newer Nintendo sets, like Ex Sandstorm and Ex FireRed LeafGreen. Fake cards are surfacing and many of them are coming in from abroad.

And it's not just in the UK that fakes are rearing their head again. If you're on holiday this year, watch out for fakes at your favourite holiday destination! Some countries seem to have more prevalence of fakes than others – we think that particular care should be taken when buying boosters and cards in Spain, Portugal, Cyprus, the UAE, Saudi Arabia and North Africa.

However, you may not be safe wherever you buy cards from, and here in good old Blighty (as more of these fakes make their way across the channel and eBay becomes a more popular place to buy) you are going to need to be on your guard. And remember: you will not be able to play any fake cards at any official *Pokémon* Organised Play Tournaments! If you want to play and win, fakes are not allowed.

STAGE 1
Smooth Over
Once during your turn (before your attack), you may search your deck for a card. Shuffle your deck, then put that card on top of your deck. This power can't be used if Magcargo is affected by a Special Condition.
Knock Over
10
You may discard any Stadium card in play.
Combustion
50

Latios
80 HP
Miraculous Light
10
Remove 1 damage counter and all Special Conditions from Latios.
Shining Star
50+
If the Defending Pokémon is a Stage 2 Evolved Pokémon, discard all Energy cards attached to Latios and this attack does 50 damage plus 100 more damage.

Spotting the fakes

Can you spot the difference?

Rule 1. If it looks too good to be true, it is! Be instantly on guard if cards are too cheap – they maybe a real bargain but may very well end up being quite the opposite.

Rule 2. Okay it maybe a bargain after all, so buy some bargain packs. Buy one or two and open them one at a time. Check the contents and try our tests.

Rule 3. Check the colour, often fake cards are darker or look washed out. Look at the cards on this page – the fakes are noticeably darker in this case.

Rule 4. Look at the quality of the printing. Is it sharp and clear, especially around the copyright information at the bottom of the card? And look at the spelling too, sometimes cards are wrongly named with copyright and other information is mispelled.

Rule 5. Check out the Holofoils and Reverse Holofoil cards. You can clearly see the difference between the fake card on the left and the real card on the right. Fake holofoils are often made to look shiny. Check a real holofoil or reverse holofoil and know what they should look like.

TRAINER
Crystal Shard
TRAINER
Pokémon Tool
Crystal Shard
Attach Crystal Shard to 1 of your Pokémon that doesn't already have a Pokémon Tool attached to it. If that Pokémon is Knocked Out, discard this card.
As long as this card is attached to a Pokémon, that Pokémon's type (color) is . If that Pokémon attacks, discard this card at the end of the turn.

Rule 6. Time for the Bend Test. Take a common card from the ones you have just bought and do the following.

Hold the card between thumb and fingers, top and bottom on its shortest edges.

Gently bend the card until the top and bottom edges just touch.

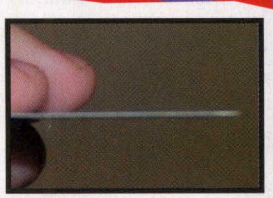
Make sure to you don't twist the card or bend it diagonally as this will crease even a real card

Release the pressure and gently smooth the card out.

A real card will have no creases or ripples on it and a fake card will usually ripple and crease.

Do not do this test on a Rare or Holofoil Card just in case you get it wrong and bend the card.

Rule 7. Look for the Black Line in the Card Stock, *Pokémon TCG* cards are made from good quality playing card stock and will have a faintly visible black line when you view the card side on. This is hard to see but is noticeable when it is absent.



Rule 8. The Rip Test. Firstly do not do this test on a valuable card. Why? Because it involves the destruction of the card! Our advice as with all these tests is take a common card and rip it in two. Now look for the black line from Rule 4 – it should be much easier to see. See how the fake on the left below has no black line visible.

I bought some fakes, now what do i do?

SO YOU HAVE already been caught out buying fakes – what can you do now? Well if you bought the cards from a shop, take them back and ask for a refund. Take this article with you and show the shop owner why the card is a fake. If they won't give you your money back, tell them you will have to contact your local trading standards office about it and do it.

If you bought the cards on eBay, or another auction site, then ask the retailer for your money back. If they refuse, check with the auction site with regards the protection they offer you. Often you are better off buying from auction sites using electronic payment methods, such as Paypal, as they offer additional levels of protection, which can be invaluable.

If the online auction retailer won't give you a refund, post feedback on them and report the problems to the auction site. Some sites, like eBay, offer buyer protection.

If you bought abroad and didn't find out until you got home that your cards are fake, then I am afraid you just have to learn from the experience and make sure you don't get caught next time.

Whether you get your money back or not, the important thing to do is report it. Go to the trading standards central website at – http://www.tradingstandards.gov.uk and use their postcode finder to find your local trading standards office, or pick up the phone book and check.

Fakes are out there, so be careful but don't be afraid to buy. Follow the rules and you're sure to avoid the pitfalls when buying *Pokémon TCG* cards.

Altaria ex
100 HP
Poké-BODY Mist
Dive
Grumpig
80 HP
Psyshock 20
Flip a coin. If heads, the Defending Pokémon is now Paralyzed.
Teleport Blast 40
After your attack, you may switch Grumpig with 1 of your Benched Pokémon.
Venusaur
100 HP
Poké-POWER Harvest Blessing
Body Slam Flip a coin. If heads, the Defending Pokémon is now Paralyzed. 40
Sharpedo
70 HP
Poké-BODY Rough Skin
If Sharpedo is your Active Pokémon and is damaged by an opponent's attack (even if Sharpedo is Knocked Out), put 2 damage counters on the Attacking Pokémon.
Dark Slash 40+
Machamp
120 HP
Poké-POWER Terraforming
Once during your turn (before your attack), you may look at the top 4 cards of your deck and rearrange them as you like. This power can't be used if Machamp is affected by a Special Condition.
Iron Fist Count the number of Pokémon you have in play with damage counters on them. Flip a coin. If heads, this attack does 50 damage plus 50 more damage for each of those Pokémon. 50+
Feebas
30 HP
Tackle 10
Ascension
Search your deck for a card that evolves from Feebas and put it on Feebas. (This counts as evolving Feebas.) Shuffle your deck afterward.

DECK DESIGNS

UTTERLY BUTTERFREE

STRATEGY THIS IS A very simple deck and is very good for younger players as none of the Pokémon are too complicated. The basic staretgy is to use Wurmple to search for basics, then use Caterpie's attack to search for Metapod and Butterfree. Once active, Butterfree removes one damage counter from all of your Pokémon per turn, plus it has the ability to force your opponent to switch active Pokémon. If you get set up quickly enough you can cause major damage and frustrate your opponent with the healing power and several Desert Ruins to put damage on any Ex your opponent might be playing.

DECK LIST

POKÉMON CARDS (22)

4x Wurmple (DR)
4x Caterpie (FRLG)
4x Metapod (FRLG)
4x Butterfree(FRLG)
2x Venonat(FRLG)
2x Venomoth (FRLG)
1x Dustox(RS)
1x Beautifly (DX)

TRAINER CARDS (20)

3x Desert Ruins (HL)
4x Rare Candy(EM)
1x Professor Cosmo's Discovery (DX)
1x Mr Stone's Project(EM)
3x Master Ball (DX)
1x VS Seeker (FRLG)
2x Steven's Advice (HL)
1x Copycat (TRR)
1 x Rocket's Admin (TRR)
1x Warp Point (MA)
1 x Scott (EM)
1 x ATM Rock (HL)

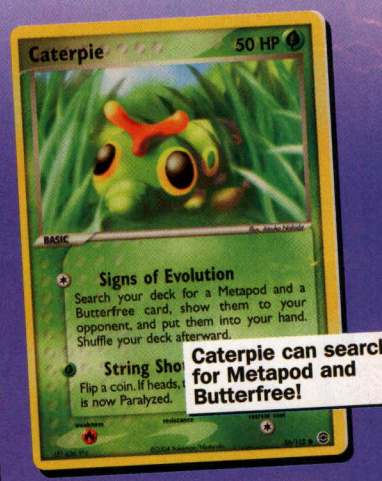
ENERGY CARDS (18)

16 x Grass Energy (EM)
2 x Double Rainbow (EM)

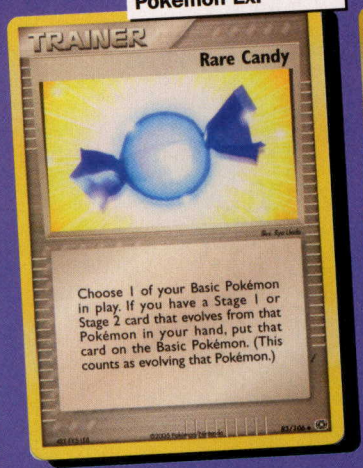
TRAINER
Stadium
Desert Ruins
This card stays in play when you play it. Discard this card if another Stadium card comes into play.
At any time between turns, each player puts 1 damage counter on his or her Pokémon-ex with maximum HP of at least 100.

Desert Ruins places a damage counter between each turn on any 100HP + Pokémon Ex.

Venomoth
70 HP
STAGE 1
Poké-BODY
Protective Dust
Prevent all effects of attacks, except damage, done to Venomoth by the Attacking Pokémon.
Sleep Poison
The Defending Pokémon is now Asleep and Poisoned.
Razor Wind
60
Flip a coin. If tails, this attack does nothing.


Caterpie
50 HP
BASIC
Signs of Evolution
Search your deck for a Metapod and a Butterfree card, show them to your opponent, and put them into your hand. Shuffle your deck afterward.
String Sho
Flip a coin. If heads, is now Paralyzed.

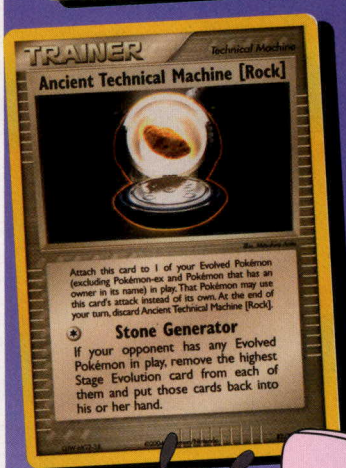
Caterpie can search for Metapod and Butterfree!


TRAINER
Rare Candy
Choose 1 of your Basic Pokémon in play. If you have a Stage 1 or Stage 2 card that evolves from that Pokémon in your hand, put that card on the Basic Pokémon. (This counts as evolving that Pokémon.)

Butterfree can heal your entire team every turn.

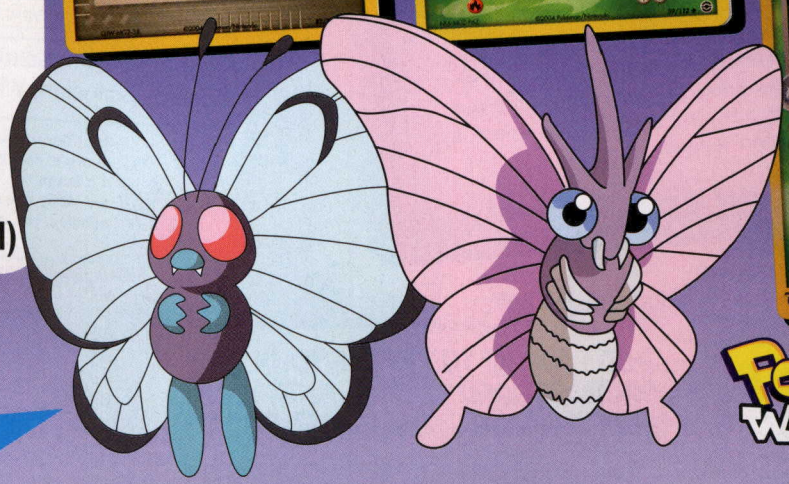
Wurmple
50 HP
BASIC
Call for Friends
Search your deck for Basic Pokémon and put as many of them as you like onto your Bench. Shuffle your deck afterward.
String Shot
10
Flip a coin. If heads, the Defending Pokémon is now Paralyzed.

TRAINER
Master Ball
Look at the top 7 cards from your deck. Choose a Basic Pokémon or Evolution card from those cards, show it to your opponent, and put it into your hand. Put the other 6 cards back on top of your deck. Shuffle your deck afterward.


TRAINER
Technical Machine
Ancient Technical Machine [Rock]
Attach this card to 1 of your Evolved Pokémon (excluding Pokémon-ex and Pokémon that has an owner in its name) in play. That Pokémon may use this card's attack instead of its own. At the end of your turn, discard Ancient Technical Machine [Rock].
Stone Generator
If your opponent has any Evolved Pokémon in play, remove the highest Stage Evolution card from each of them and put those cards back into his or her hand.

Metapod
80 HP
STAGE 1
Poké-BODY
Energy Protection
Any damage done to Metapod by attacks is reduced by 10 for each Energy attached to Metapod. You can't reduce more than 30 damage in this way.
Sharpen
20

Beautifly
80 HP
STAGE 2
Poké-BODY
Withering Dust
As long as Beautifly is in play, do not apply Resistance for all Active Pokémon.
Stun Spore
20
Flip a coin. If heads, the Defending Pokémon is now Paralyzed.
Parallel Gain
50
Remove 1 damage counter from each of your Pokémon, including Beautifly.



DESIGN A MONSTER

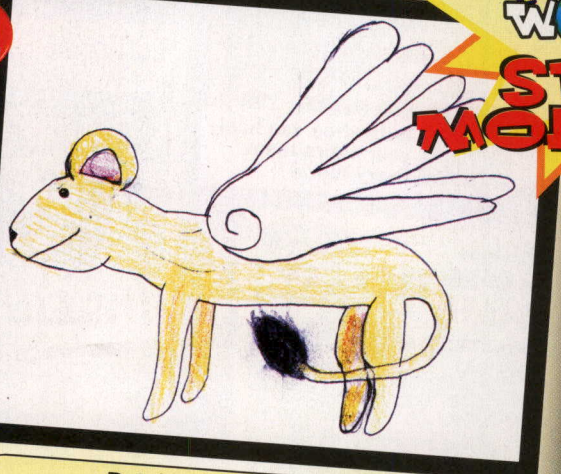
THERE'S NO SHORTAGE OF IMAGINATION AMONGST OUR READERS AS THESE WONDERFUL CREATIONS PROVE! IF YOU'D LIKE THE CHANCE TO SHARE YOUR POKÉMON DESIGNS WITH ALL THE OTHER READERS, THEN SEND YOUR PICTURE TO DESIGN A MONSTER, POKÉMON WORLD, HIGHBURY ENTERTAINMENT LTD, PARAGON HOUSE, ST PETER'S ROAD, BOURNEMOUTH, DORSET, BH1 2JS

MONSTER OF THE MONTH

Evolution: None

KYRI

01



Pokémon type: Psychic

Special attacks: Clow Fly, Clow Cut, Clow Jump, Clow Guard

Brief Description: Kyri is a very rare Pokémon and is the guardian of the Clow Book. It is extremely cute but very powerful and can also speak in human tongue.

Carla Kocurek, age 9

POKÉMON WORLD STAR MONSTER

Evolution: Give Mightyena a Fire Stone at Level 74

WOLFENFLAME

02

Pokémon type: Fire/Dark

Special attacks: Quick Attack, Tail Whip, Bite, Fire Fangs

Brief Description: This extremely fiery Pokémon cannot go in grass or it will burn it all away. If the flame on its tail goes out, Wolfenflame will faint.

Nathan Page, age 9

Evolution: Breed Koffing and Cloyster

BOMBAMON

03

Pokémon type: Poison

Special attacks: Selfdestruct, Killer Needle, Explosion, Wheeze

Brief Description: Bombamon likes to live in cold weather. Sometimes, if it is too hot, they explode. If you are hit by one of its three large needles, you will fall asleep.

Lewis Ford, age 11

DON'T FORGET TO INCLUDE YOUR FULL NAME, AGE AND ADDRESS WITH YOUR ENTRY, PLUS ALL THOSE MONSTER STATS!

We're very sorry but we can't return your pictures, nor print pictures on lined or coloured paper, but keep checking *Pokémon World* in case they get printed!

GN A MONSTER

Evolution: None

EXONE

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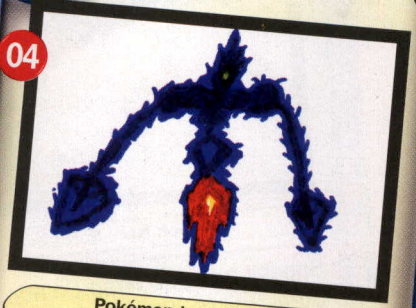


Pokémon type: Unknown

Special attacks: Unknown Blast, Mega Charge, Invisibility, Psychic Punch

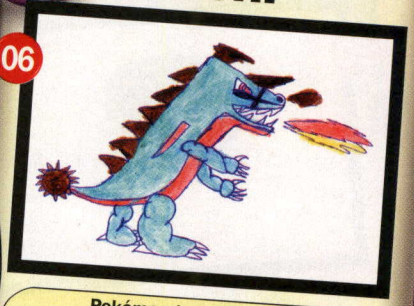
Brief Description: Exone is extremely rare. Its yellow eye can detect anything in motion but if you touch it, you will be immediately blasted into oblivion.

Conor Jeffcoate, aged 9

Evolution: None

ARFASHI

06



Pokémon type: Rock/Dark

Special attacks: Intense Flame, Triple Horned Crush

Brief Description: This Pokémon is the sworn enemy of Tyranitar. Arfashi can only be found on active volcanoes and only shows up elsewhere if a volcano is about to violently erupt.

Billy Turner, age 11

Evolution: Evolves from Gorebyss at Level 50

GOREGRYS

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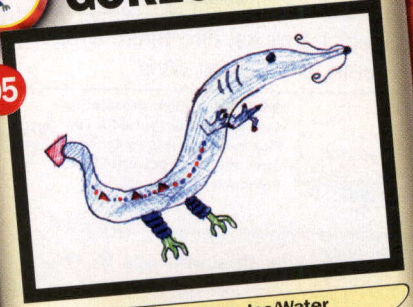


Pokémon type: Ice/Water

Special attacks: Sheer Cold, Icy Blade, Hydro Pump, Icy Wind

Brief Description: Very few people have ever seen this Pokémon and lived because Goregrys freezes everything it sees. Its sheer cold moves can reach extreme temperatures of –150°C.

James Makin, age 9

Evolution: Evolves from Lotad

CRAUTAD

07

Pokémon type: Water/Grass

Special attacks: Water Blast, Tail Slash, Quad Kick, Razor Leaf

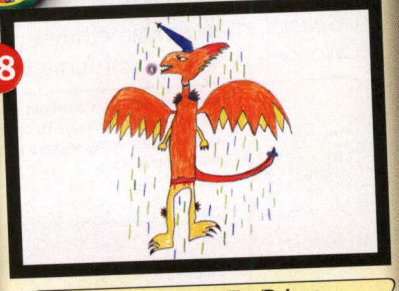
Brief Description: This Pokémon is friendly and will run into battle alone. Its Razor Leaf attack is extremely quick and will cut almost anything down to size!

Patrick Salem, age 11

Evolution: Trade Charizard with Poison Pin

VIROFLAME

08



Pokémon type: Fire/Poison

Special attacks: Virus Blast, Volcanic Comet, Eruption

Brief Description: This Pokémon has a similar effect to a comet as it soars through the night sky. Its Virus Blast packs a punch!

An anonymous offering!

Evolution: None

CHELLIU

09

Pokémon type: Grass/Fighting

Special attacks: Grass Slide, Water Crush, Praying Mantis Chop

Brief Description: This cute monster can be found in grassy or rocky land but do not approach it – it may be the last thing you do.

Charlotte Matthews, age 10

DESIGN A MONSTER

Evolution: None

SPITRUL

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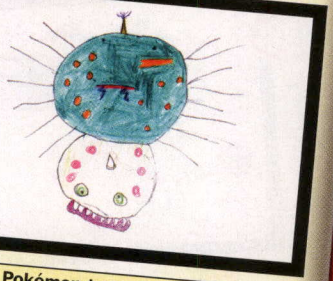

Pokémon type: Poison/Bug

Special attacks: Dribble, Bite, Sting, Tangle

Brief Description: Spitrul lives in forest areas and eats berries and smaller Bug-type Pokémon, like Caterie and Weedle.

Faith-Rose Partridge, age 7

Evolution: Evolves from Vibrava with Fire Stone

ARCHELET

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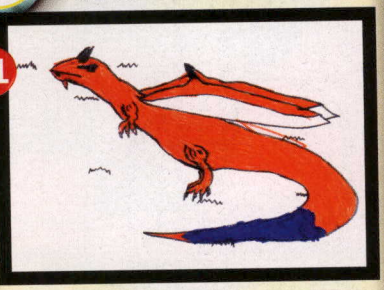

Pokémon type: Fire/Dragon

Special attacks: Fire Blast, Dragon Breath, Bite, Blaze Wing

Brief Description: Archelet is said to be 'The Protector Of Fire' because it is by far and away the most powerful Fire Pokémon of them all.

Alex Coscian, age 9

Evolution: Breed Onix with Steelix

DARK STEEL SPIKE

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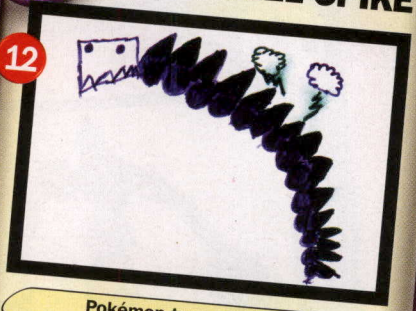

Pokémon type: Rock/Steel

Special attacks: Wrap Smack, Steel Spikes, Bite, Solar Beam

Brief Description: If you see this Pokémon, you will want to catch it. It is extremely rare and related to both Onix and Steelix.

Charlie Smith

Evolution: Breed Tauros with Ursaring

WOELEN

13

Pokémon type: Legendary/Grass

Special attacks: Stone Frozen, Thorn Throw, Horn Beam, Charge

Brief Description: Woelen's Stone Frozen attack can freeze the opponent and make it crumble to pieces. He can only be found in the Cave Of Origin when you have the Rainbow Wing.

Ayshea Lesley, Candland

Evolution: Evolves from Shaker

POM-POM

14

Pokémon type: Flying/Fire

Special attacks: Flamethrower, Wooden Bite, Fly, Leaf Tornado

Brief Description: Pom-Pom is very rare and you'll be lucky to catch her. She lives under stones at the tops of mountains.

Sophie Kentzer, age 8

...Catch Kingler

KINGLEY

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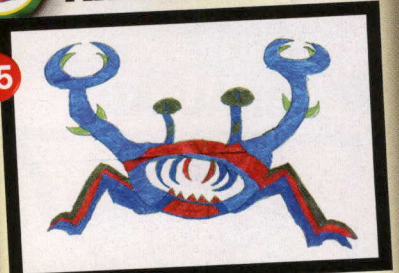


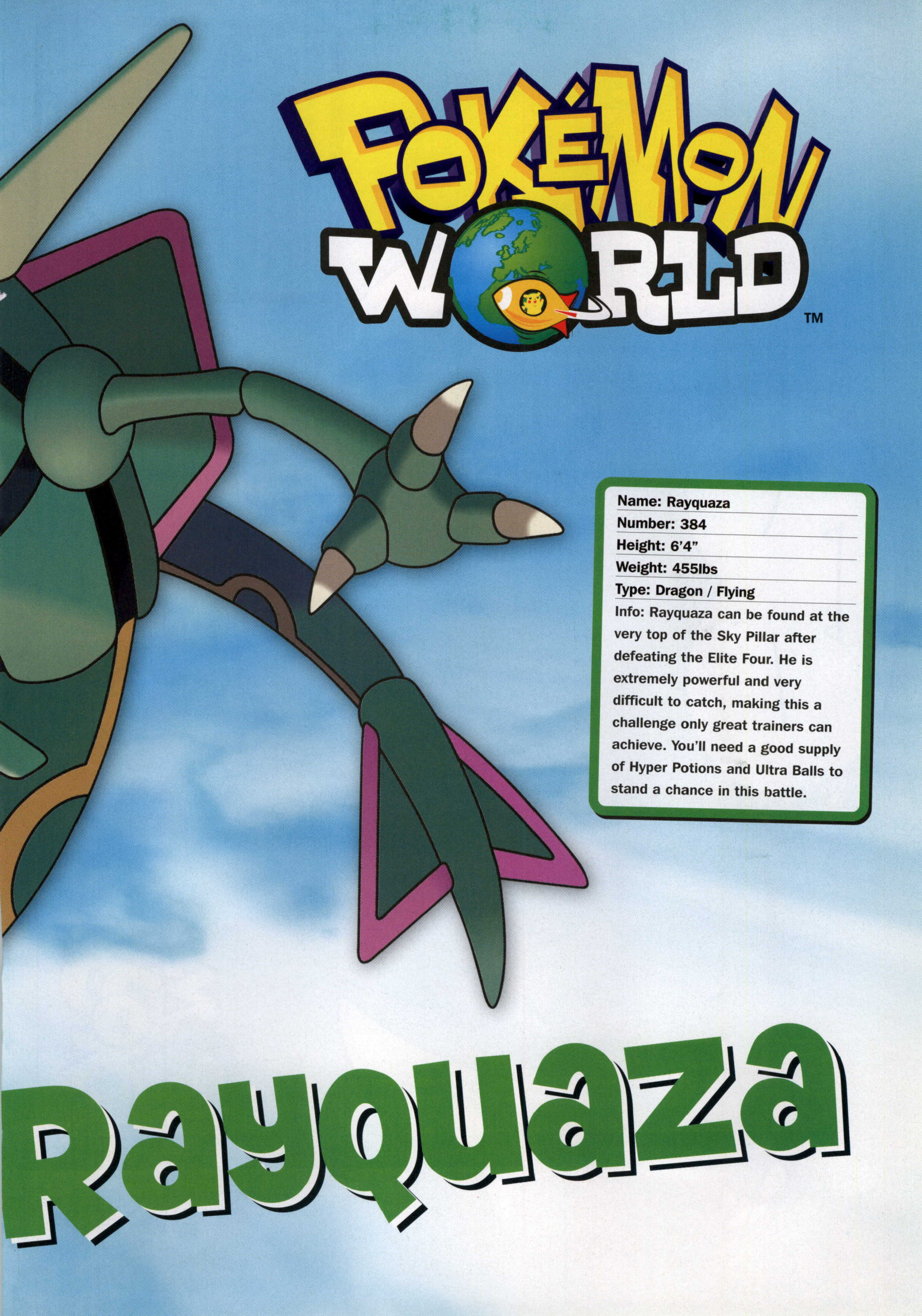
Pokémon type: Water/Normal

Special attacks: Fang Gun, Water Heal, Pinch, Water Fury

Brief Description: This crab-like Pokémon may look weak but its actually really strong and vicious. It can be found all over beaches.

Jordn Welsher, age 11

POKÉMON WORLD
Name: Jirachi
Number: 385
Height: 1'0"
Weight: 2lbs
Type: Psychic
Info: Jirachi is a very special Pokémon that just loves to sleep. Legend states that it can grant powerful wishes for trainers lucky enough to wake it, but this is no easy task. You can only capture this Pokémon by linking your GBA to a GameCube and downloading it from Pokémon Channel.
JIRACHI


POKÉMON WORLD
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Name: Rayquaza
Number: 384
Height: 6'4"
Weight: 455lbs
Type: Dragon / Flying
Info: Rayquaza can be found at the very top of the Sky Pillar after defeating the Elite Four. He is extremely powerful and very difficult to catch, making this a challenge only great trainers can achieve. You'll need a good supply of Hyper Potions and Ultra Balls to stand a chance in this battle.
Rayquaza

SNORLAX

Name: Snorlax

Number: 143

Height: 6'11"

Weight: 1014lbs

Type: Normal

Info: Snorlax is another sleepy Pokémon that likes nothing better than to drop to the ground and start snoring. Unfortunately he chooses some very awkward places to snooze and can only be woken up by playing the Pokémon Flute. Be careful, as Snorlax gets extremely grumpy when awoken.

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There's an in-depth look at Ex Team Rocket Returns, as well as all you could ever want to know about FireRed and LeafGreen! We also get first look at the GBA video cartridges! Of course, you can also expect the usual puzzles and posters that make us so great!

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The Nintendo DS is set to change videogames forever, and we've got all the information you could possibly want about it, and its forthcoming games! Plus we take a look at the POP promos, and feature all of your letters and pictures. Not only that, there's also three posters!

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Pokémon World Issue 46

As ever, Pokémon World is the first with all the big games, and this issue we delve into the stylus-based chunk of fun that is Pokémon Dash! As well as the usual posters, pictures, and letters, we start the road to the National TCG Championships, and report all the latest TCG developments!

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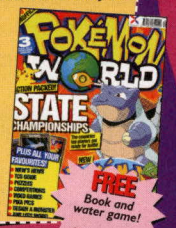
This issue we play with the latest cards from the EX Deoxys expansion, plus we've got details on all the new cards and a full listing that includes all those hard to find * cards. As well as the usual great stuff, we've also got a look at the amazing history of Pokémon and a huge TCG section!

FREE Puzzle book and dart game

Pokémon World Issue 48

In this marvellous issue we take a gander at the State Championships in massive detail. As well as this, we have a peak at the fantastic upcoming Pokémon Emerald, which is sure to be treat! You can also expect all the usual puzzles, helpful tips and three great, giant Poké-posters.



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Pokémon World Issue 49

In this incredible issue, we give you a once-in-a-lifetime Safari Survival Guide to the UK National Championships and an in-depth look at the terrific Ex Emerald TCG Expansion. As well as all the usual stuff, such as Pokémail and Pika-pics, we also look at the brand-new Plug 'N' Play games.

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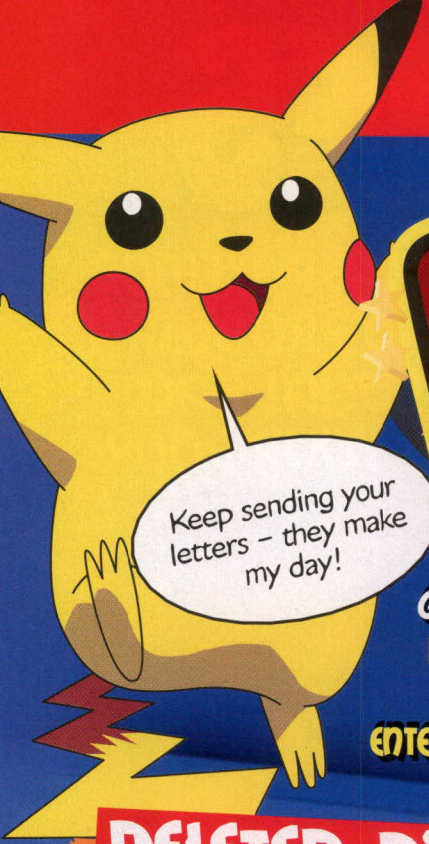

POKÉMAIL

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Sorry, but we cannot reply personally to any letters sent to Faisal Khan, *Pokémon World*, Professor Yew or anything! Printed letters may be edited for space. The text number is for text messages only and is never answered as a phone number. Your text will cost you the regular text message amount. Please check with your mobile service provider.

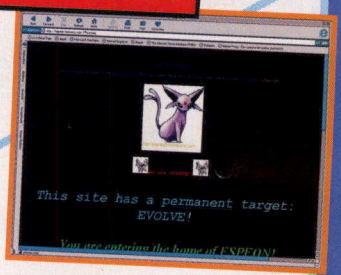
DELETED DILEMMA!

Dear *Pokémon World*,
The other day I saved my *Pokémon* game on my Game Boy and when I went back to play it, I was surprised to see that it had deleted itself. Does this happen every time you turn your console off or am I not saving it correctly? Also, where can I find Gyarados and Luvdisc on *Ruby* and *Sapphire*?
Thomas Haggath, age 8, Blackburn

Oh dear – a deleted game can't be good news! It's not meant to happen every time you turn off your Game Boy, and usually happens if you've been using some sort of cheat cartridge. Or perhaps you switched off your Game Boy while the game was still saving? The best way to prevent any lost games in future is to make doubly sure that the game has been saved before you turn off your Game Boy. As for tracking down Gyarados – have a look in Sootopolis. And if you search Route 128 or Ever Grande City you should be able to find a Luvdisc. Good luck!

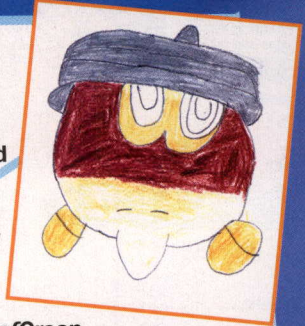
SITE FOR SORE EYES!

Dear *Pokémon World*,
I have made a website about *Pokémon* and would love loads and loads of people to come to visit it! Its address is http://espeon.homeunix.com.
Thanks!
William Nicholls, age 10, Newcastle



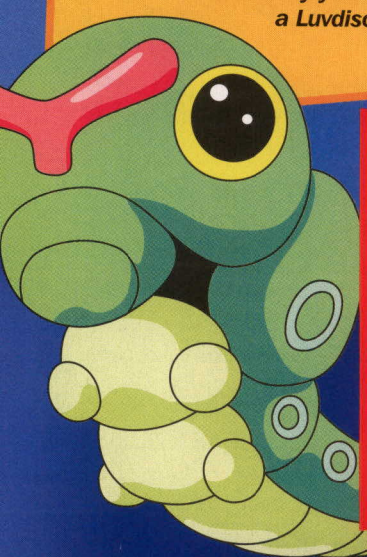
Thanks, William – what a great website! It must have taken a long time to build as there are so many different things to read on there! It's always nice to find out about Pokémon websites made by Pokémon World readers, so if anyone else out there has been busy on the internet, let us know!

FORM FRIENDS!



Dear *Pokémon World*,
My name is Beth and this is the first time I have written to *Pokémon World*. When I started high school, me and my mates didn't think there would be any *Pokémon* fans there, but one day I saw someone in my form playing *Red* and now we talk to each other every day. The *Pokémon* games I have are *Red*, *Blue*, *Yellow*, *Pinball*, *Gold*, *Silver*, *Ruby*, *Sapphire*, *Crystal*, *LeafGreen*, *FireRed* and *Dash*, as well as *Colosseum*, *Channel* and *Box*. My favourite Pokémon are Seedot, Muzleaf and Shiftry – I hope you like the picture!
Beth Nortwich, age 12

What a great picture – thanks, Beth! That's a very impressive collection of games you've got, and we're pleased to hear that you've found someone at your new school who loves Pokémon too! We often get letters from people who don't know any other Pokéfans at their school or where they live, but you've shown that there are people who love Pokémon all over the place! What's more, you've even made a new friend because of Pokémon – whoever said it was just a game?!



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AND NOW YOU CAN TEXT US ALL YOUR POKÉMON THOUGHTS ON 07941 921 854!

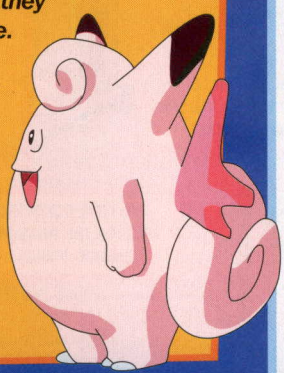
SHOP SEEKER!

Dear *Pokémon World*,
I really love your magazine – I think it's great! In issue 48 I loved the feature about *Pokémon Emerald*. When it's out I'm definitely going to get it because I haven't got *Ruby* or *Sapphire*. Please can you tell me where you can get *Ruby* or *Sapphire*, because I can no longer find them in my local game stores.

Also in issue 48 there was a page on *Pokémon* toys. I would really like them but I can't find them either! I've looked in Woolworths and WH Smiths – the places I normally get my *Pokémon* things from – but I can't see them!

I do at least two things to do with *Pokémon* every day, including making up my own *Pokémon*, reading magazines, colouring in, playing with my *Pokémon* toys, playing with Waps or reading *Pokémon* annuals.
Sarah Clift, age 13, Skegness

Hi, Sarah! Thanks for your letter – it looks like you've got a long Pokémon *shopping list there! When you're looking for slightly older games, it's always worth asking your local games shop if they can order a copy for you if they don't have the game in the store. Or you could always check out the second-hand section. As for the* Pokémon *toys in issue 48, larger toy shops like Argos or Toys 'R' Us may well have some of them in stock, or a quick search on the internet will find several places where you can buy interactive Pokédexes and more besides!*



CHASING CARDS!

Dear *Pokémon World*,
I don't think there is anything better than *Pokémon* but I have got one problem: I live in Oxford but every shop I have been to does not sell *Pokémon* things – they only do *Yu-Gi-Oh!* and *DuelMasters*. Do you know where I can get my stuff? By the way, *Pokémon World* rules the world!
Declan Chambers, age 11, Oxford

Hello, Declan! Sorry to hear you're having trouble getting hold of Pokémon *stuff – it can be quite elusive unless you know where to look! If you're after trading cards then try Woolworths or Borders (Woolworths may also have other* Pokémon *toys). For general* Pokémon *toys we'd recommend you follow the advice we've given to Sarah on this page and have a look in Argos or other big toy shops. Unfortunately, some smaller toy shops don't sell* Pokémon *stuff, so if you don't have superstores near where you live you might have to try internet stores instead. If any readers know good places to buy* Pokémon *toys and TCG cards, the please let us know so we can pass on the good news!*

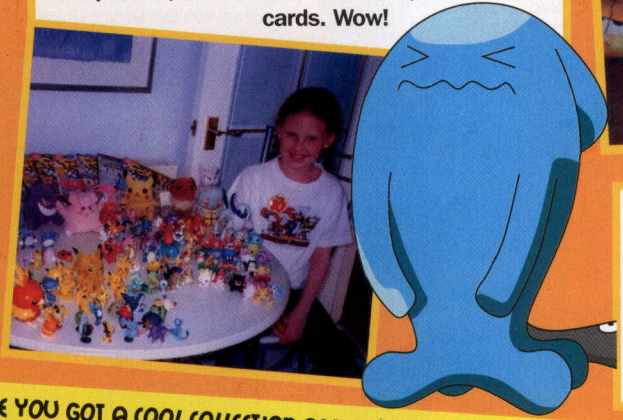
SHINY SEEKER!

Dear Pokémon World,
Your mag rocks like my Golem. I've got all the *Pokémon* games and a GameCube. I can't wait until *Emerald* comes out. I have a question: how do you get Shiny Pokémon?
Lydia Burns, age 10

Hi, Lydia – we can't wait for Emerald *either, and we'll tell you all about it when it comes out! Unfortunately, we can't tell you all about shiny Pokémon. Because they appear completely randomly, you can't go hunting for them. The best way to get one is to always be alert while you're playing. If you see a Pokémon that's sparkling or a different colour from normal then it's a Shiny and you should catch it as soon as you can before it gets away! Or, of course, you could always find someone who doesn't mind trading with you...!*

COLLECTOR'S CORNER

Ten-year-old Abbie Muir from Clackmannanshire has been collecting Pokémon since she was just five. As well as all the toys and books in this picture, Abbie also has over 1,000 TCG cards. Wow!



Eight-year-old Benji Johnson lives in Botesdale and has covered the floor with all his *Pokémon* stuff! His favourite Pokémon are Groudon and Ho-oh, while his mum's favourite is Pikachu and his friend Zack prefers Togepi – good choices, everyone!

David Spence, age six, lives in Ross-shire and has got just about every type of *Pokémon* toy there is. And is that a giant Pikachu on the wall behind you, David...?

HAVE YOU GOT A COOL COLLECTION OF POKÉMON STUFF? SEND IN A PHOTO TO THE POKÉMAIL ADDRESS AND WE'LL SHOW THE WORLD!

Pika-Pics

We've had so many great pictures for Smeargle's gallery this month, but unfortunately we couldn't find space for them all. We want to thank everyone for so many great drawings. We've selected our favourites from all the talented young artists out there. Keep your pictures coming and share you favourite Pokémon drawings with your fellow Pokémon fans!

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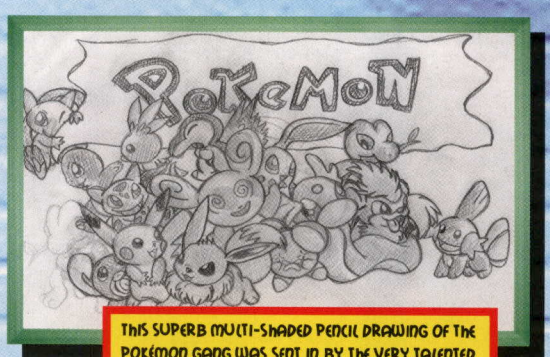
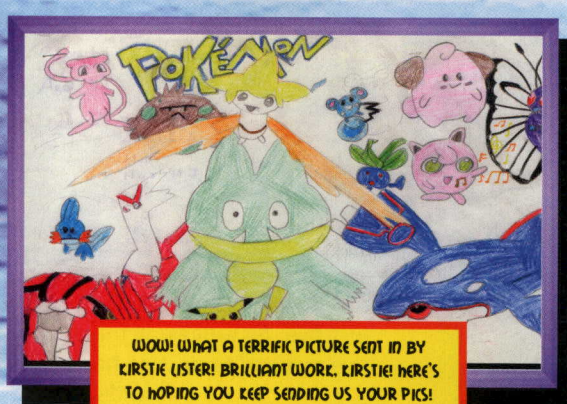
A POKÉ-CHRISTMAS COMES EARLY THANKS TO THE WONDERFULLY COLOURFUL DRAWINGS OF 11-YEAR-OLD LINDA WANG FROM LONDON. SMEARGLE LOVES CHRISTMAS!



THIS SUPERB MULTI-SHADED PENCIL DRAWING OF THE POKÉMON GANG WAS SENT IN BY THE VERY TALENTED JANICE ATKINSON, AGED 12, FROM TELFORD.

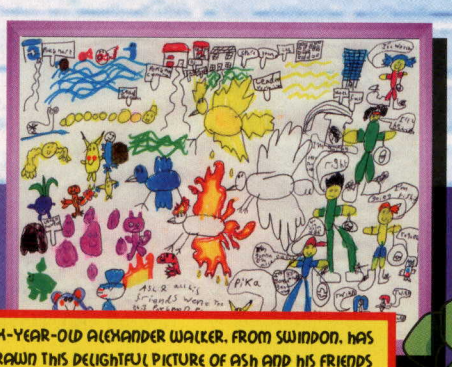
FIVE-YEAR-OLD NATALIE HILL FROM CUMBRIA HAS DRAWN SMEARGLE THIS DELIGHTFULLY CUTE PICTURE OF HER FAVOURITE POKÉMON, PIKACHU. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK NATALIE!

KERRY L GALLEY, AGED 13, SENT US MANY DRAWINGS OF HER WITH HER POKÉMON PALS. SADLY WE ONLY SPACE FOR TWO BUT SMEARGLE HAS THE REST ON HIS BEDROOM WALL!

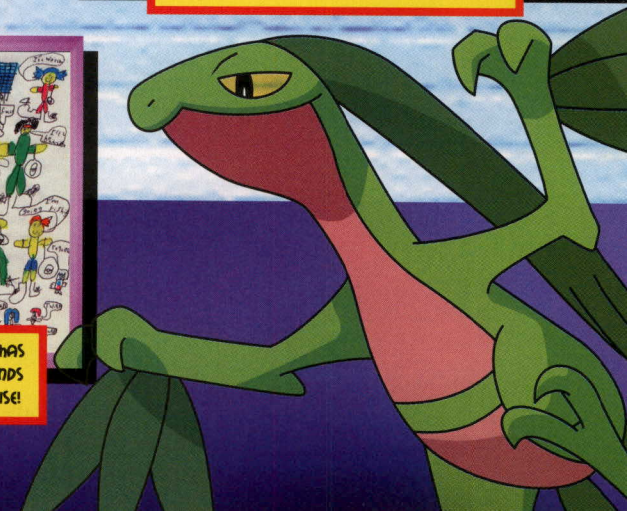


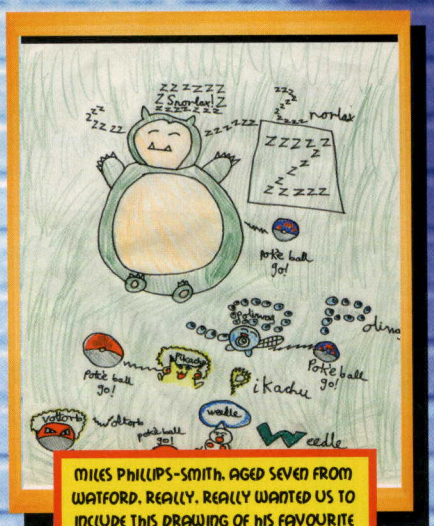
WOW! WHAT A TERRIFIC PICTURE SENT IN BY KIRSTIE LISTER! BRILLIANT WORK, KIRSTIE! HERE'S TO HOPING YOU KEEP SENDING US YOUR PICS!

ANOTHER OF KERRY'S DRAWINGS. THIS ONE IS OF HER WITH HER FAVOURITE POKÉMON, CELEBI. SMEARGLE IS OVERWHELMED BY THESE MAGNIFICENT DRAWINGS!

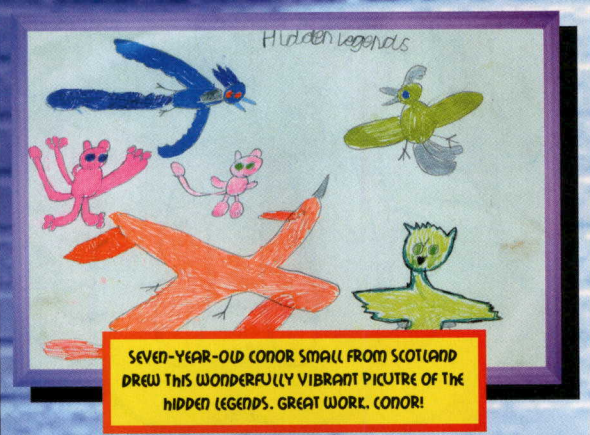


SIX-YEAR-OLD ALEXANDER WALKER, FROM SWINDON, HAS DRAWN THIS DELIGHTFUL PICTURE OF ASH AND HIS FRIENDS VISITING A POKÉMON PLACE CALLED POKÉMON PARADISE!

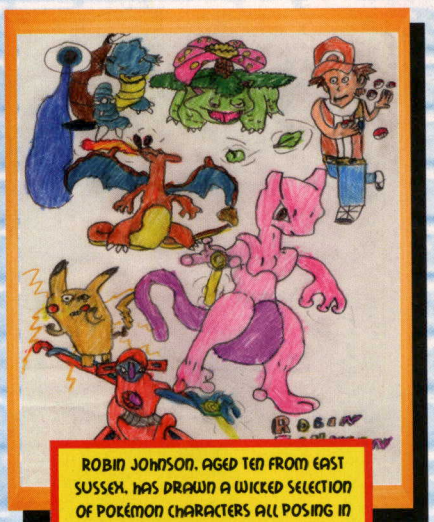




MILES PHILLIPS-SMITH, AGED SEVEN FROM WATFORD, REALLY, REALLY WANTED US TO INCLUDE THIS DRAWING OF HIS FAVOURITE POKÉMON... SO WE DID. WELL DONE MILES!

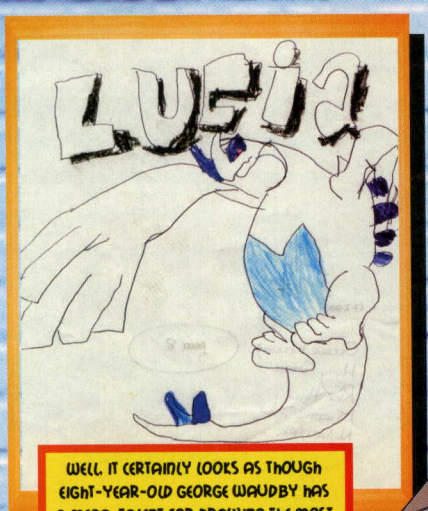


SEVEN-YEAR-OLD CONOR SMALL FROM SCOTLAND DREW THIS WONDERFULLY VIBRANT PICUTRE OF THE HIDDEN LEGENDS. GREAT WORK, CONOR!

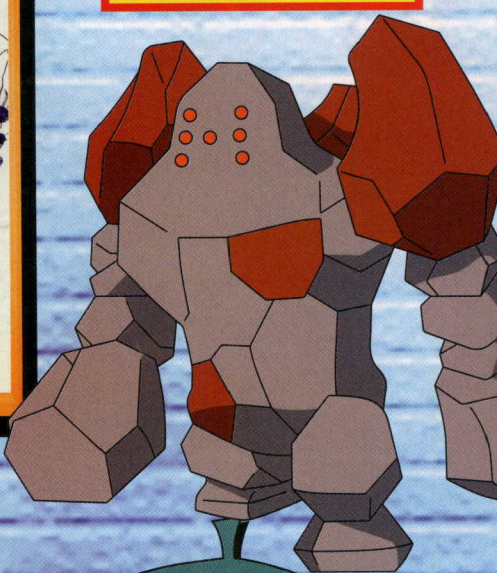


ROBIN JOHNSON, AGED TEN FROM EAST SUSSEX, HAS DRAWN A WICKED SELECTION OF POKÉMON CHARACTERS ALL POSING IN THEIR POKÉMON FIGHTING STANCES!

MATTHEW BOX, AGED 10 FROM WEST BROMWICH, LOVES POKÉMON WORLD, SO HE SENT IN THIS LOVELY DRAWING OF HIS FAVOURITE POKÉMON ENJOYING THE BRIGHT OUTDOORS.



WELL, IT CERTAINLY LOOKS AS THOUGH EIGHT-YEAR-OLD GEORGE WAUDBY HAS A MEGA-TALENT FOR DRAWING THE MOST SPLENDID OF POKÉMON!



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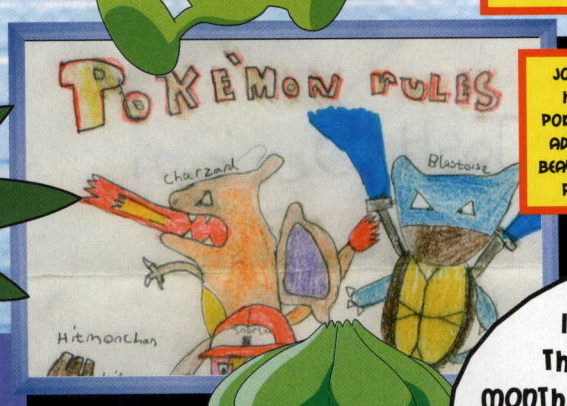
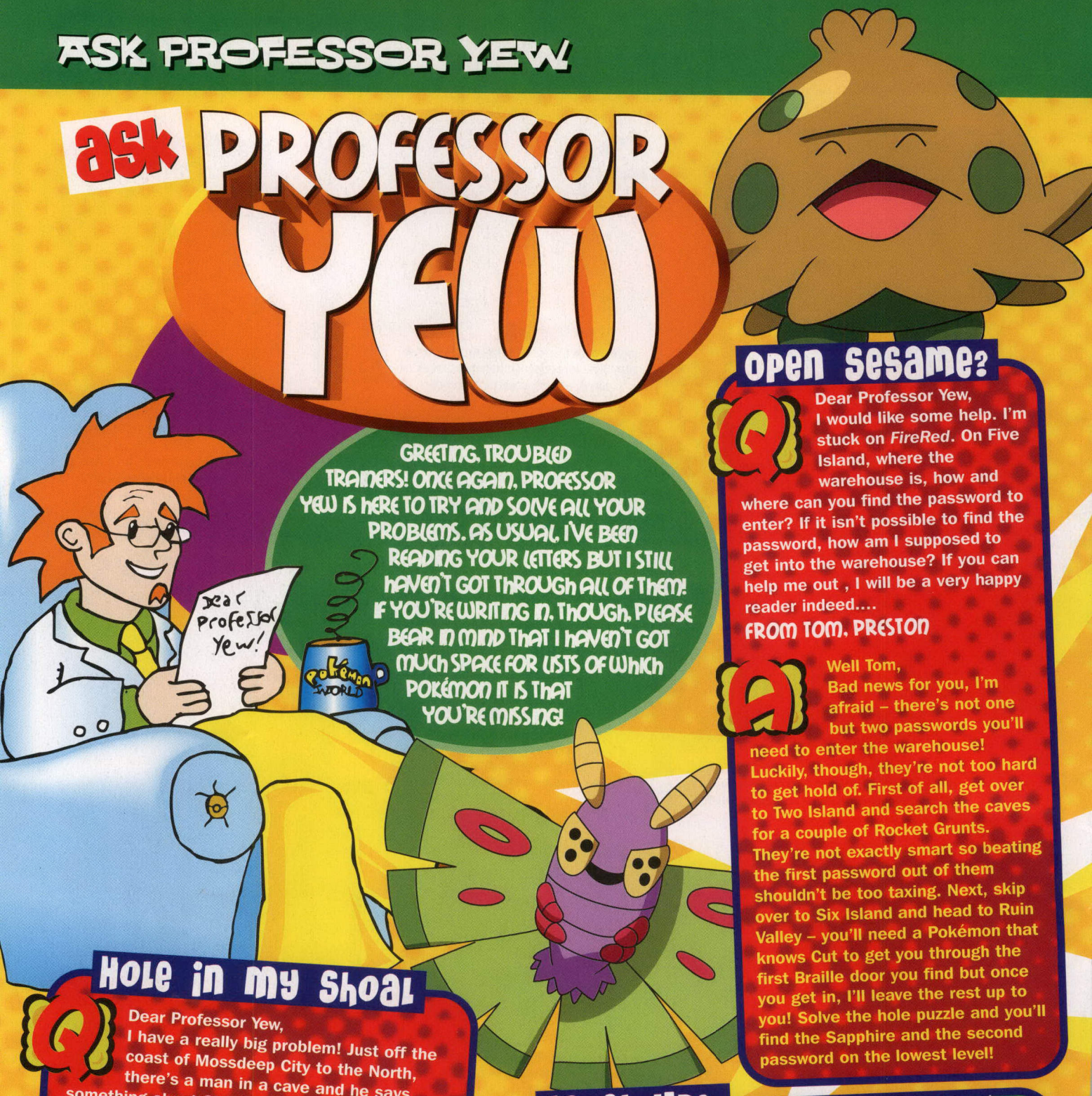


JOSH DEACON, AGED NINE, HAS DRAWN LOADS OF POKÉMON FOR SMEARGLE TO ADMIRE IN HIS GALLERY. A BEAUTIFUL ARRAY OF FELLOW POKÉMON TO LOOK AT!

SMEARGLE IS JUMPING FOR JOY BY ALL THE WONDERFUL DRAWINGS THIS MONTH. IT'S GREAT TO KNOW THERE ARE SO MANY TALENTED READERS OUT THERE!. PLEASE KEEP THEM COMING AS SMEARGLE WANTS TO FILL ALL HIS WALLS WITH YOUR POKÉMON PICTURES!

ask PROFESSOR YEW



GREETING, TROUBLED TRAINERS! ONCE AGAIN, PROFESSOR YEW IS HERE TO TRY AND SOLVE ALL YOUR PROBLEMS. AS USUAL, I'VE BEEN READING YOUR LETTERS BUT I STILL HAVEN'T GOT THROUGH ALL OF THEM! IF YOU'RE WRITING IN, THOUGH, PLEASE BEAR IN MIND THAT I HAVEN'T GOT MUCH SPACE FOR LISTS OF WHICH POKÉMON IT IS THAT YOU'RE MISSING!

Open Sesame?

Q Dear Professor Yew,
I would like some help. I'm stuck on *FireRed*. On Five Island, where the warehouse is, how and where can you find the password to enter? If it isn't possible to find the password, how am I supposed to get into the warehouse? If you can help me out , I will be a very happy reader indeed....

FROM TOM, PRESTON

A Well Tom,
Bad news for you, I'm afraid – there's not one but two passwords you'll need to enter the warehouse! Luckily, though, they're not too hard to get hold of. First of all, get over to Two Island and search the caves for a couple of Rocket Grunts. They're not exactly smart so beating the first password out of them shouldn't be too taxing. Next, skip over to Six Island and head to Ruin Valley – you'll need a Pokémon that knows Cut to get you through the first Braille door you find but once you get in, I'll leave the rest up to you! Solve the hole puzzle and you'll find the Sapphire and the second password on the lowest level!

Hole in My Shoal

Q Dear Professor Yew,
I have a really big problem! Just off the coast of Mossdeep City to the North, there's a man in a cave and he says something about Shoal Salt and Shoal Shells. I have the Salt but the Water, that I think rises, never comes up! Please tell me when it will!

FROM NICHOLAS JENNER

A It's just a matter of time, my young friend! Basically, the tide in the cave changes every six hours. If you're going in the afternoon, try going in the morning or the evening and you might find that the water level has changed. Just keep trying at different times and eventually you'll be able to get those Shells. Perseverance is definitely the key here so go back to it at a different time of day and check it out!

Level Up?

Q Dear Professor Yew,
I am having trouble. My Deoxys on my *Ruby* game is at Level 99 and won't grow to Level 100! I have not used cheats and even Rare Candies won't raise it! I have a Celebi, Mew, Ho-Oh, Lugia and Mewtwo – do you think this is why? What would you recommend to help me?

FROM TRIS BOWLES

A Far be it from me to cast disparagement on your party, but I can't help but notice that you've got your hands on a few legendaries that haven't been made available over here yet! Did you use an Action Replay? Perhaps you traded for them? Either way, the only solution I can think of is that your Deoxys was created in a less-than-ordinary fashion as opposed to caught on Nine Island – that's the only thing I can think of that would explain its refusal to reach its maximum potential!

Four of the Best

Q Dear Professor Yew,

I have more than a major problem – I am stuck on *Pokémon FireRed*!

My question here are the Aurora Ticket and the Mystery Ticket?

Are Eight and Nine Island for real or are they just a joke made up by someone?

How the heck do you get Umbreon and Espeon? I desperately want them!

I have a problem with my berries. I used an Action Replay and my berries went berserk! Now when I find certain berries, it tells me my Berry Pouch is full but it lets me collect other fine. But what is really weird is that when I look in the berry Pouch, it is always empty!

FROM LEAH, TEMPLETON

A Well Leah,

Since your letter was so nicely decorated, I'd be glad to help!

Both are given away at Nintendo events but we still don't know when these will take place in the UK! Be sure that you'll find out first in these very pages just as soon as we know!

Oh, they're real all right! You'll need the two tickets you mentioned before to reach them though, so be patient and you'll get there eventually! Unfortunately, Eevee won't naturally evolve into these two special versions in *FireRed* or *LeafGreen* – you'll have to trade with *Ruby*, *Sapphire* or indeed *Colosseum* (where they were the stars of the show) if you want to get hold of them!

Hmmm... there's not a lot I can say here, I'm afraid. Using an Action Replay can affect your save game in some very strange ways – that's why I don't recommend using one except in the very direst of circumstances! I doubt there'll be a way to reverse this effect, either. Sorry!

Ancient Troubles

Q Dear Professor Yew,

I love *Pokémon World* and I really need to know where Relicanth is in *Pokémon Ruby*. I need to unlock the mysteries of the Sealed Chamber!

FROM LAURENCE, TRELOGAN

A Well Laurence,

I'm not surprised you're having trouble tracking down Relicanth – the ancient fish is anything but easy to find! Head to Sootopolis with a Pokémon that knows Dive and search the underwater areas at length. Sure, you'll find nothing but Clamperl a lot of the time but keep trying! Eventually, a rare Relicanth will show up and all that remains is to make sure you catch it! Otherwise, you won't need a Kadabra to tell you that there could be a lot more searching in your future...

Where Are You?

Q Dear Professor Yew,

How do you make a Nincada evolve into a Shedinja? Mine keep evolving into Ninjask! Also, when I caught a Grimer, it had the Pokérus. But when my Blaziken caught it, he didn't have the Pokérus – he just had a little black dot. What happened?

FROM CHLOE, BRADWELL

A Well Chloe,

Shedinja is one of my favourite monsters and its evolution is unique. All you have to do is make sure you have a spare slot in your party when Nincada evolves at Level 20 and the shell that is shed when Nincada becomes Ninjask will take on a life of its own as a Level 20 Shedinja (hence the name). As for Pokérus, it effects different monsters for different lengths of time. Your Blaziken did catch the virus but it obviously managed to rid itself of it before you even noticed – the black dot means that a Pokémon has had the disease once and is now immune!

More Monsters!

Q Dear Professor Yew,

I would like to ask you a few questions.

On *LeafGreen*, I have 219 Pokémon, including all 150 from the Kanto region. How do you get the missing Kanto Pokémon?

When exactly does *Destiny Deoxys* come out on VHS and DVD here in England?

In *Pearl* and *Diamond*, will there be new Pokémon?

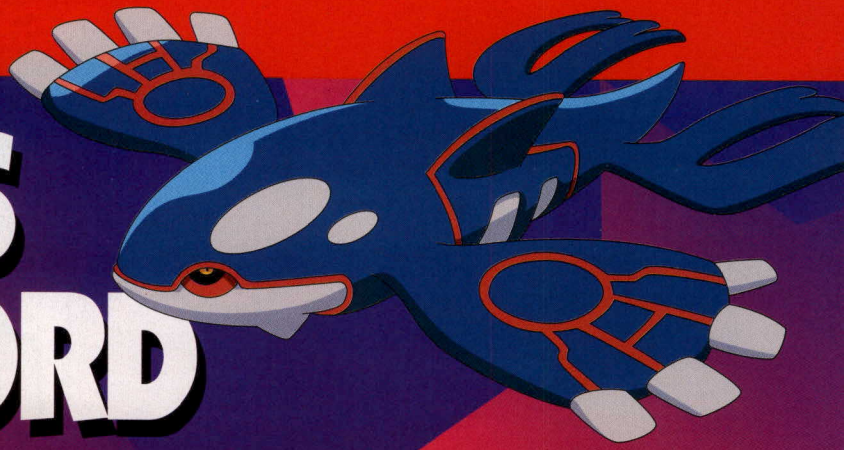
FROM JONATHAN, WALLINGTON

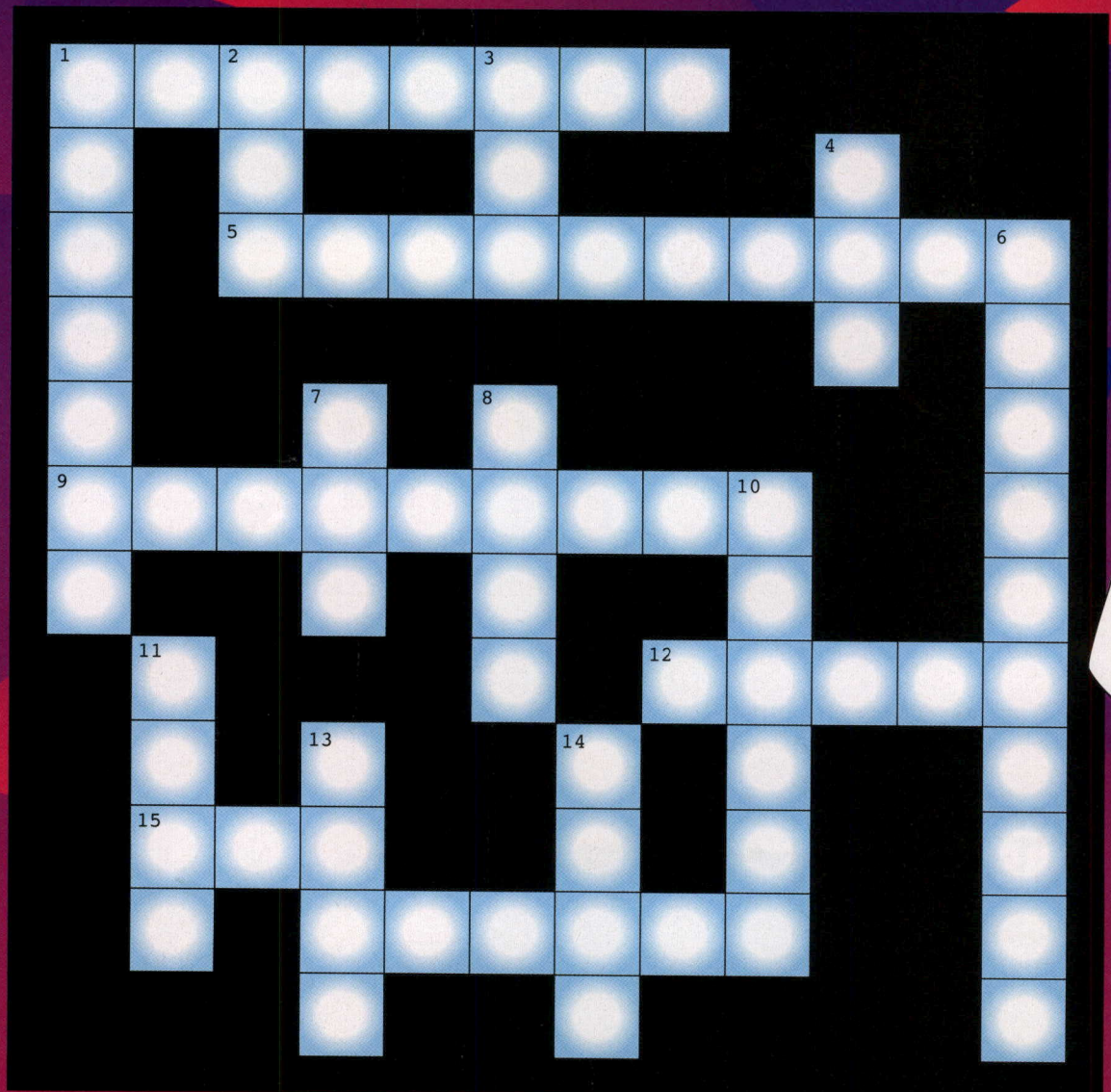
A Well Jonathon,

I'm sure I can help you out here! A lot of the Kanto monsters can only be found in *Pokémon Colosseum* on the GameCube – you need to snag the Shadow versions in *Colosseum* and purify them if you want to completely finish your Pokédex. Alternatively, you can always trade with friends for them. as for your *Destiny Deoxys* query... At the time of going to press, there's no confirmed date for a UK release. My guess would be late Autumn – perhaps October or so – just in time for it to find its way onto many a Christmas list!

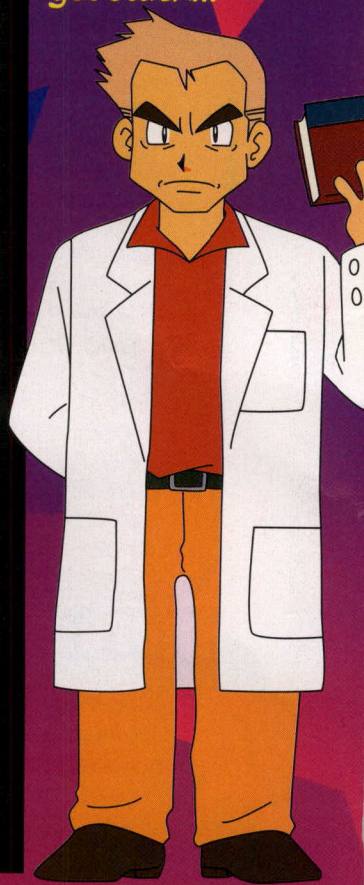
There most certainly will be new Pokémon in *Pearl* and *Diamond*! As a brand new title in the *Pokémon* series, expect a whole host of new monsters – a few have already been revealed, such as Munchlax (Snorlax's baby form) as well as baby forms of Mr Mime and Sudowoodo, and an evolution of Sneasel! Watch this space for more information!

KYOGRE'S CROSSWORD





Can you solve all the clues and complete my crossword? The answers will appear in next issue if you get stuck...



ACROSS

1. Forthcoming GameCube game, *Pokémon XD: Gale Of...* (8)
5. This *Pokémon* evolves from Jigglypuff (9)
9. *Pokémon* 38, believed to understand human speech (9)
12. The ballons in *Pokémon Dash* allow Pikachu to... (5)
15. Gotta catch 'em __! (3)
16. What The City Of Hard Rock is also known as (6)

DOWN

1. Forthcoming DS game, *Pokémon...* (7)
2. Barrage allows your *Pokémon* to attack 2 to 5 times in a... (3)
3. All *Pokémon* are born from this! (3)
4. This sludge critter has Poison Gas and Harden attacks! (3)
6. This bug/steel Pokémon 205 lives in a steel shell (10)
7. In *Pokémon: The First Movie*, Mewtwo is up against... (3)
8. *Pokémon* Puzzle League character from Pallet Town (4)
10. This Game Boy Color *Pokémon* game isn't quite as good as gold... (6)
11. This Nintendo 64 *Pokémon* game was released in 2000 (4)
The Ruins Of The __, as found in *Pokémon Crystal* (4)
14. Liza's friend and one of the Mind Badge guardians in *Pokemon Ruby* (4)

Pokémon questions

Over the next few pages there are some Pokémon questions – how many answers do you know?

Question 1
Tackle, Leer, Hypnosis and Stomp are attacks for which deer-like Pokémon?

Question 2
Name all three of the terrific Pokémon Battle e-card games.

Question 3
What is Pokémon Beach Blank-Out Blastoise?

POKÉMATHS

Professor Oak has lost a Pokémon but can't figure out who it is! See if you can help him find out who has gone missing by using the Pokémon numbers.

Bulbasaur is number 1 in the Pokédex and Ivysaur is number 2. 1 + 2= 3, and Venuasaur is number 3. Here's a slightly tougher one for you to try...

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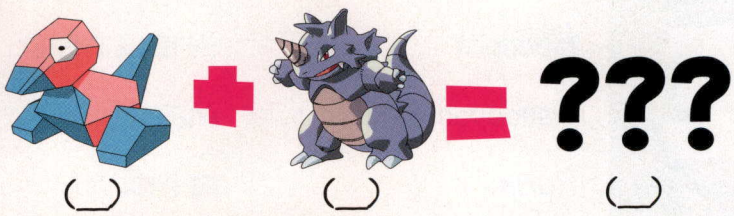

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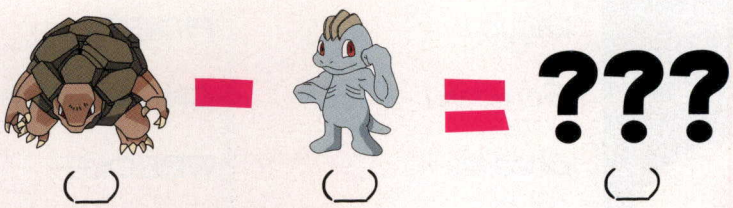

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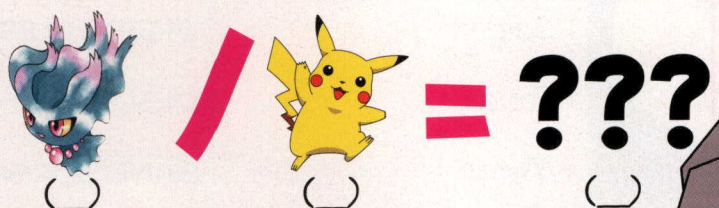

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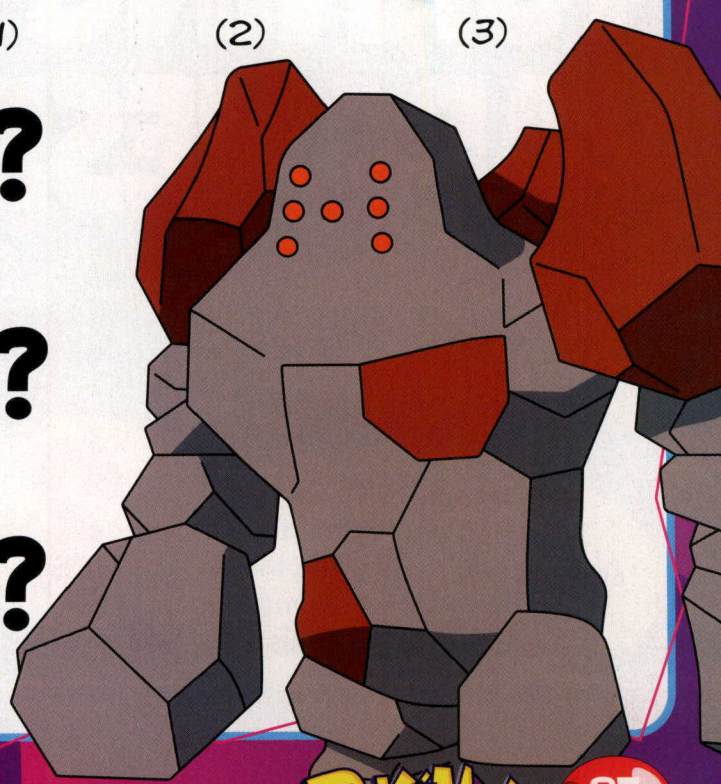
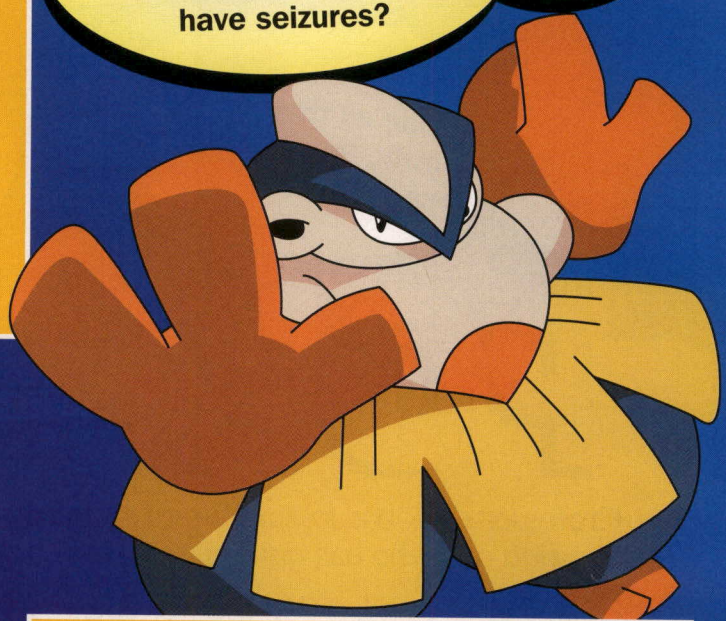


POKÉYEARS

Match the years to when the Pokemon game came out here in the UK!

GAMES	YEAR
Pokemon Dash	2000
Pokemon Pinball	2001
Pokemon Leaf Green	2002
Pokemon Puzzle League	2003
Pokemon Ruby	2004
Pokemon Mini Green	2005

Question 4
What's the infamous episode called that caused some children to have seizures?



Question 5
What's the name of the company who created the *Pokémon* Trading Card Game?

TURNING JAPANESE

Can you match these Japanese names of Pokemon to their English translation? For example, Japanese 'Butefiru' is translated into English 'Butterfree'. Try to match up the others!

JAPANESE	NAME
Rizado	GOLDUCK
Beedoru	SHELLDER
Sandopan	MEW
Purin	RHYDON
Diguda	PIDGEY
Gorudaku	CHARIZARD
Sheruda	WEEDLE
Saidon	JIGGLYPUFF
Popo	DIGLETT
Myuu	SANDSLASH

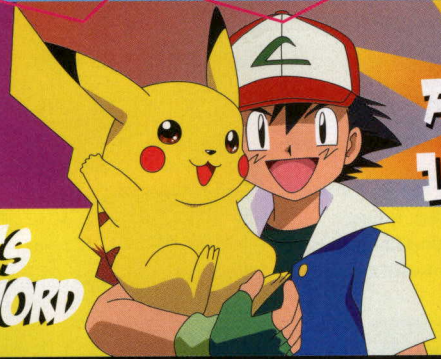
Question 6
All Nippon Airlines have created two Boeing airplanes decorated with *Pokémon* characters. True or false?

ANAGRAMS

Oh no! That clumsy Tropius has knocked over these Pokémon words! Why not help him put the letters in the right order!

~ YET I CAN RULE. C?
~ XY DOSE
~ LAST MARBLE
~ A BAN SIR
~ SAD RANKS OF GEEL
~ COB RK

COME BACK NEXT MONTH FOR THE ANSWERS!



ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S PUZZLES

KYOGRE'S CROSSWORD

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POKÉMON QUESTIONS

1. 1996
2. Jigglypuff
3. Pikachu
4. Pallet Town
5. Ninetales
6. An American company had already trademarked the name Pocket Monsters

POKÉMATHS

1. Geodude (74) plus Psyduck (54) equals Tauros (128)

2. Wobbuffet (202) subtract Metapod (11) equals Sunkern (191)

3. Swampert (260) divided by Raticate (20) equals Weedle (13)

POKÉMON ANAGRAMS

POKÉMON RUBY
PROFESSOR YEW
TRADING CARDS
HO-OH
NURSE JOY
MUDKIP

MYSTERY POKÉMON

Squirtle
Butterfree
Croconaw
Shroomish
Illmuise
Bulbasaur
Absol
Jigglypuff

SCREENTEST

Pokémon Dash
Pokémon Stadium 2
Pokémon Colosseum
Pokémon Crystal
Pokémon Puzzle League
Pokémon Channel
Pokémon Emerald
Pokémon Box

VIDEOGAME

As ever, we've got all the latest and greatest videogames around and we've reviewed them just for you!

GAME OF THE MONTH

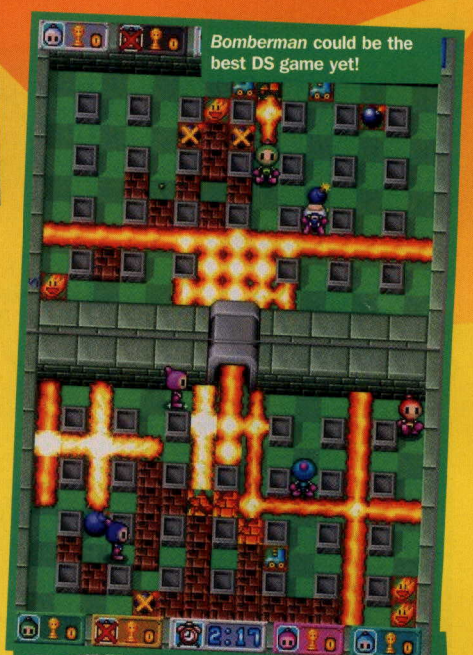
BOMBERMAN DS

LET'S GET READY TO RUMBLE!

FORMAT:	NINTENDO DS
PUBLISHER:	UBISOFT
PRICE:	£29.99
RELEASE:	OUT NOW

TAKE FOUR MEN, then shove them in a maze and give them the ability to throw bombs at each other. Ta da! Instant *Bomberman*. Everyone knows what *Bomberman* is, right? You go up against four bomb-laden characters in a maze and the last person standing wins. Simple really. It's been around for years and it turns up on every gaming platform in existence, but none of that matters because as of right now it's being made available in what could well be the best version on the market: *Bomberman DS*. Surely all those great features that the DS boasts are ideal for this kind of game? Yes, they sure are...

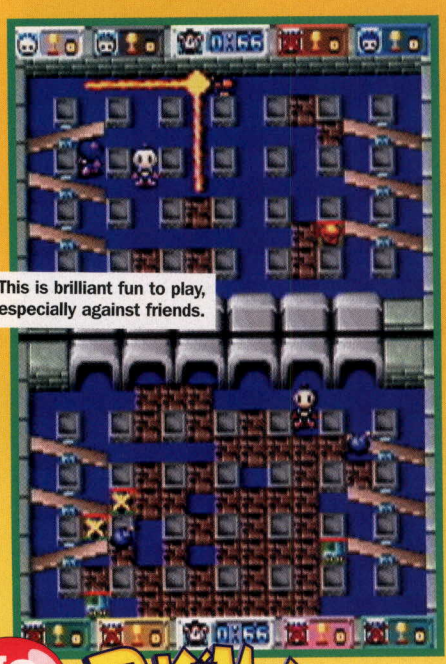
First of all we should make something clear: *Bomberman* is not about the single-player Story mode. It's in there, sure, but it's only there as a bonus. What makes *Bomberman* so great is the multiplayer (against friends of the computer), so we'll quickly skim over the new single-player additions so that we can get on with talking about what really matters.



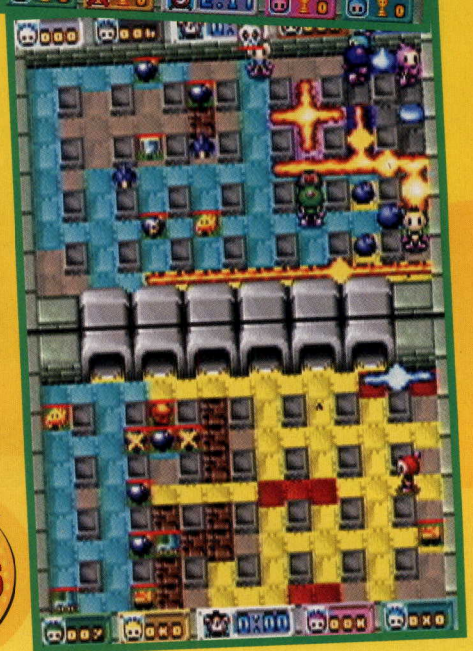
Bomberman could be the best DS game yet!

What makes *Bomberman DS*' single-player so different is that you can stockpile your weapons and upgrades. You travel through various mazes, blowing up walls and enemies and getting to the end in one piece. This all happens on the top screen. When you pick up an upgrade (skates, extra bomb capacity and many more) they appear in your stockpile on the touch screen. You can then choose what upgrades you want to use and when you want to use them. If you die, instead of losing all your upgrades, you only lose the one that were equipped. Other than that, the single-player Story mode is very similar to other *Bomberman* games.

The Multiplayer mode has been improved and expanded to make use of the DS. The stockpiling is thrown out of the window – instead the mazes take up two screens, which are connected by pipes and warp points. You can also play against seven other people wirelessly, all from one cartridge! As well as standard Versus modes you can also switch on voice recognition and shout commands at your character. Obviously this can get pretty manic if you're all in one room. If you die you don't have to sit there and do nothing: you can use the touch screen to flick bombs and take out your enemies. The fun never ends. As we've already said though, this game is all about the multiplayer. If you know a few other people with a DS, this is an essential buy!



This is brilliant fun to play, especially against friends.



POKÉMON WORLD RATING 92%

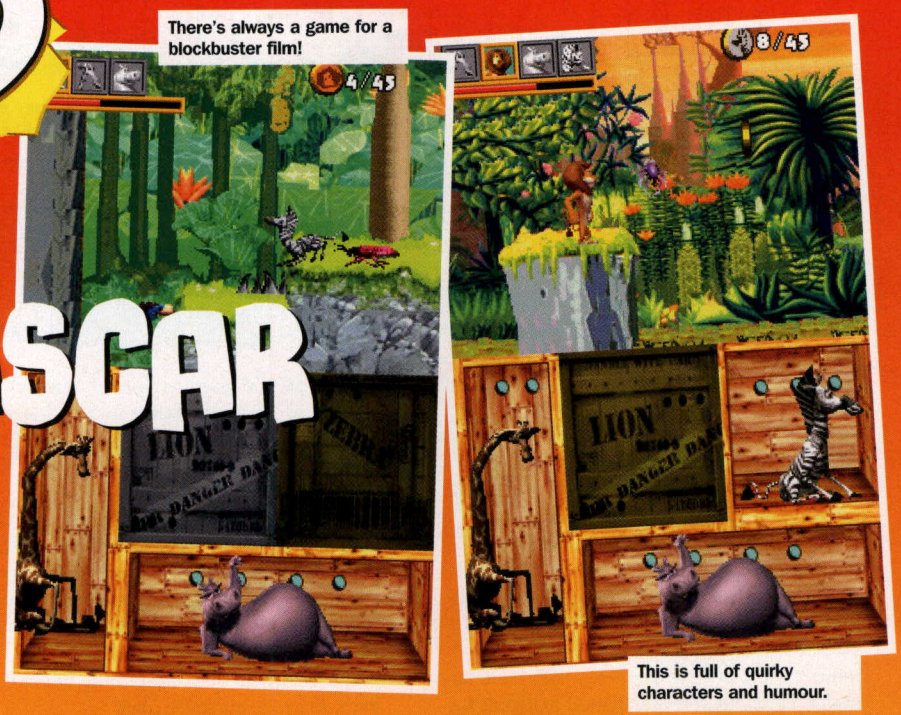
ISLAND

READY FOR SOME ANIMAL MAGIC

MADAGASCAR

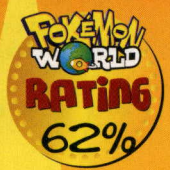
FORMAT:	NINTENDO DS
PUBLISHER:	ACTIVISION
PRICE:	£29.99
RELEASE:	OUT NOW

There's always a game for a blockbuster film!



This is full of quirky characters and humour.

IF YOU HAVEN'T at least seen the adverts for *Madagascar* (the latest in a long line of animated films) then you really must have had your head in the sand. Our recommendation? Take your head out of the sand and go watch it! It follows the adventures of a group of zoo animals, who break free and try to explore the outside world. It's very funny and definitely worth watching... which is more than can be said for the videogame. *Madagascar DS* sees you controlling the four main characters from the film: Alex the lion, Melman the giraffe, Marty the zebra and Gloria the hippo. Each character has different abilities (for example Alex has a double-jump) and you'll need to swap between the characters in order to solve the various puzzles throughout the levels. This can be done quickly and simply by either tapping L and R or touching the picture of the relevant character on the touch screen. The game isn't particularly bad in any way (you'll probably love it if you liked the film) but our main problem with it is that it doesn't make use of the DS. It looks exactly the same as the GBA version and only has a few new additions. Let's be honest here: if you wanted the GBA version you would have bought the GBA version, right? Right. If you're a fan of the film then it's worth picking this up. Otherwise there are far better games out there to spend your hard-earned pocket money on.



ANOTHER CODE: TWO MEMORIES

MURDER-MYSTERY WEEKEND ON YOUR DS

FORMAT:	NINTENDO DS
PUBLISHER:	NINTENDO
PRICE:	£29.99
RELEASE:	OUT NOW

Puzzle-based gaming will always be good fun!

YOU'D HAVE THOUGHT that point 'n' click adventures would be perfectly suited to the DS, it having a touch screen and all, so it's strange that there aren't more of them in development. *Another Code* is the first one we've seen and hopefully it's a sign of things to come. The game revolves around teenager Ashley, who sets off on a mysterious adventure to find her missing father. Up until now she'd thought he was dead, but when she receives a strange message from him beckoning her to come to Edward Island on her fourteenth birthday, things start to get mightily strange. The game itself is very much a murder-mystery affair, where you're exploring the mansion on the island trying to find clues as to who killed your parents. You'll be helped along the way by a ghost boy, named D. You can use the touch screen to tell Ashley where to walk and if anything interesting pops up you can look at it in more detail. The game is all about solving puzzles and using the cryptic clues to figure out your next move.

Another Code is a smart little puzzle-adventure game. It looks really nice and for the most part the puzzles are of just the right difficulty. Please remember though: t's a little bit on the short side.

ANIMANIACS: THE GREAT EDGAR HUNT

THREE TIMES THE FUN FOR HALF THE PRICE?

FORMAT:	GAMECUBE
PUBLISHER:	IGNITION
PRICE:	£19.99
RELEASE:	OUT NOW

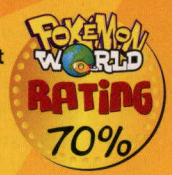
WELL WOULD YOU look at that: *Animaniacs* is half the price of any other regular GameCube game. Well done Ignition, you've got our full attention... as long as it doesn't mean it's rubbish. Thankfully this little platformer hasn't followed the pattern set down by so many other cartoon license games and is actually quite good. Well, it does have three cute, lovable and just a little cheeky cartoon characters in it, so it's off to a good start.

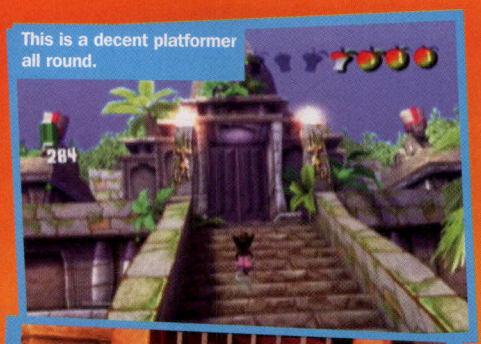
The aim of the game is to explore the 3D levels (level 1 is set in the Wild West) and collect various items. The most important items to find are the Edgars, which have been stolen by some self-proclaimed evil genius. Dagnammit, that always seems to happen these days!

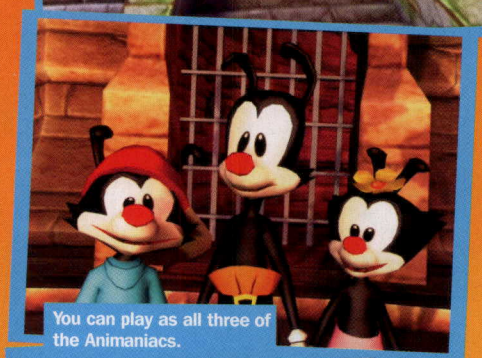
The six main levels are broken up by a whole bunch of mini-games (what game would be complete without 'em). For example, one sees you using a huge magnet to suck horseshoes off passing horses. Not the kindest of pastimes, but someone has to pay for the loss of the Edgars and it may as well be the horses. It's not like they'd have shoes in the wild is it?

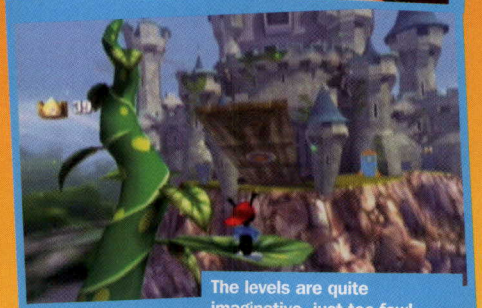
Of course the most important part of any platformer is how the jumping works and we're pleased to report that it's just fine... better than most in fact. If you get bored of jumping you can always make a 'honk' noise by pulling your tail.

The one main downside to the game is that there are only six levels, but it's not enough to stop *Animaniacs* from being a smart little platformer for the younger gamer. An absolute bargain at £20 – what are you waiting for?




This is a decent platformer all round.


You can play as all three of the Animaniacs.


The levels are quite imaginative, just too few!

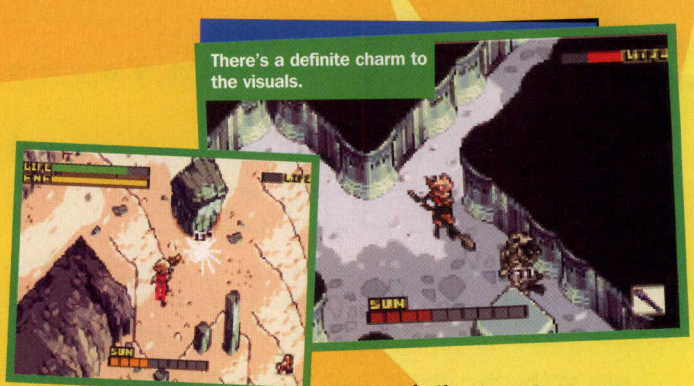
BOKTAI 2: SOLAR BOY DJANGO

THE SUN HAS GOT HIS HAT ON!

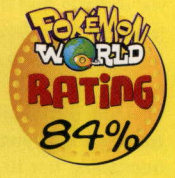
ANYONE FAMILIAR WITH the first *Boktai* game will know that it's a unique game. The game uses a special solar detector that's built into the cartridge, that can pick up the rays of the sun and convert them into game information. The *Boktai* games are all about vampire hunter Django. He can use the sunlight to defeat his blood-sucking foes. For the second game he's off to San Miguel to investigate an outbreak of the 'undeadening'. Sadly though his main weapon of vampiric destruction has been nabbed so he'll have to find other ways of surviving the hordes. There are several weapons in the game for you to pick up, but most of the time you'll need to charge them with sunlight energy in order to do any damage. If you're playing at night this could be a big problem, obviously. There are solar charge points in the game for when you get desperate, but really we'd recommend not playing this in the dark!

There are many puzzles in the game, most of them based around hitting switches in the right order and using the charged weapons in the right way.

It's nice to see some decent games still coming out on the GBA, especially now that most games are going the way of the DS. Although it does get a little tough in some places this is one game that we'd thoroughly recommend.


There's a definite charm to the visuals.

This is certainly a unique game if nothing else.



There are loads of special moves for you to learn.

FORMAT:	PS2
PUBLISHER:	SONY
PRICE:	£39.99
RELEASE:	OUT NOW

TEKKEN 5

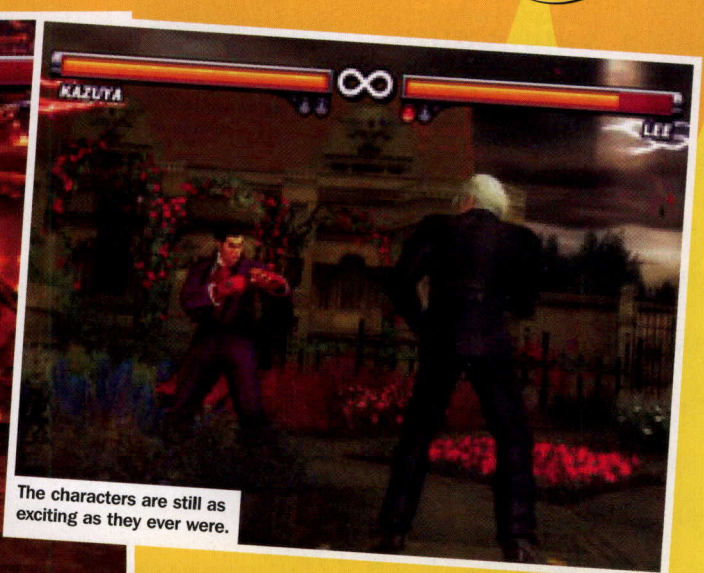
FIGHT TO THE DEATH!

TEKKEN IS ONE of those words that has become synonymous with videogaming. It arrived with the original PlayStation and was one of the games that showed how great 3D gaming could look. But the years have passed, and many iterations later we find ourselves with another one. Wow, have we really been through four versions already (well, five actually, don't forget *Tekken Tag Tournament*)?

The series has had its ups and downs over the years but thankfully *Tekken 5* takes fighting back to basics. It concentrates on all the things that make *Tekken* what it is and refuses to get drawn into a battle with anyone else. The biggest changes are the speed and the graphics. The game moves at a fair old pace meaning that you can really get the adrenaline going and pummel your opponent with your best moves. Graphically the game looks beautiful and will probably be the best looking fighter to hit the machine before the PS3 arrives. As you'd expect there's a massive roster of characters available, but the biggest draw for fans of the series is the inclusion of not one, not two, but three extra games! The arcade versions of *Tekken 1*, *2* and *3* are all available to play as well as the main game! How awesome is that?

Tekken 5 is easily one of the best and most complete beat-'em-ups to appear this generation. Grab a copy, grab a friend, grab a pew.

This is the best in the series yet!



The characters are still as exciting as they ever were.

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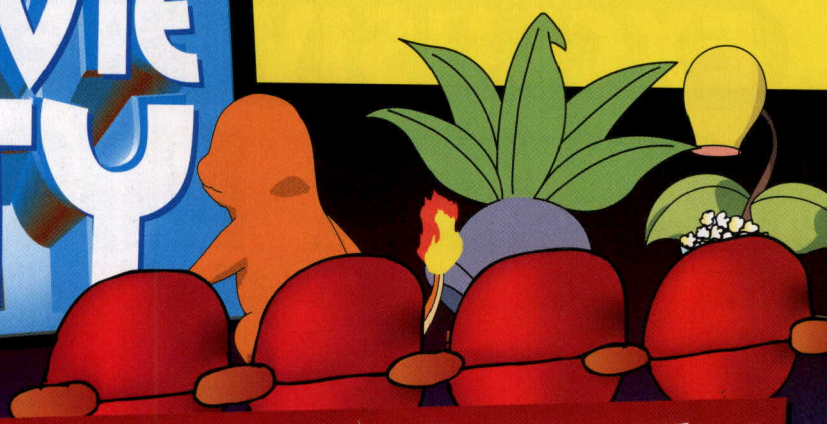


POKÉMON CHRONICLES: VOLUME 1

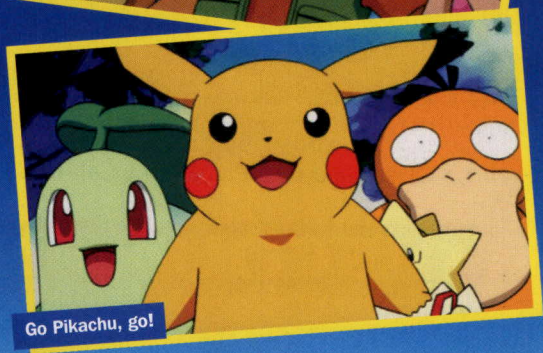
CERTIFICATE .....U
RELEASED .....OUT NOW
PRICE .....£12.99 (DVD) £9.99 (VHS)

A POPULAR US spin-off from the original *Pokémon* adventures, this recently aired series kicks off with an exclusive three-part feature-length episode entitled 'The Legend Of Thunder', in which our hero trainer Jimmy and legendary Pokémon Raikou must defeat two new Team Rocket villains, Attila and Hun, before they capture Raikou and exploit his power to take over the world.

This first volume also features the two-part episode 'Pikachu's Winter Vacation'. Part one, 'Delibird's Dilemma', sees a giant snowball knock poor Delibird out of the sky, spilling his presents throughout the village. The second part, 'Snorlax Snowman', sees Pikachu and friends help their newfound Poké-buddy Snorlax find his way home.

Clocking in at an hour and ten minutes, the only thing that will disappoint fans is the lack of special features, of which there are none.

This DVD is terrific fun!



Go Pikachu, go!

TARZAN II

CERTIFICATE .....U
RELEASED .....8 AUGUST
PRICE .....£19.99(DVD) £12.99(VHS)

THIS STRAIGHT-TO-video sequel of the 1999 Disney animated hit continues the folklore of the king of the jungle when he was just a small boy, as opposed to the Lord Of Greystoke as an adult, as in the previous film. Original stars such as Glenn Close (Karla) and Lance Henrikson (Kerchak) reprise their roles as Disney proves that a winning formula can continue onto the small screen. Where so many Disney straight-to-video sequels haven't had the love and attention of their cinematic processors, *Tarzan II* is surprisingly enjoyable, though it won't hold mum and dad's attention like the original release. The DVD release features a featurette that looks at how they brought the legend to life, a pop-up trivia that can be used while watching the movie, a music video and various games to keep the younglings entertained until bedtime.

We loved the original *Tarzan*, and this one is almost as good!

Tarzan is just awesome!

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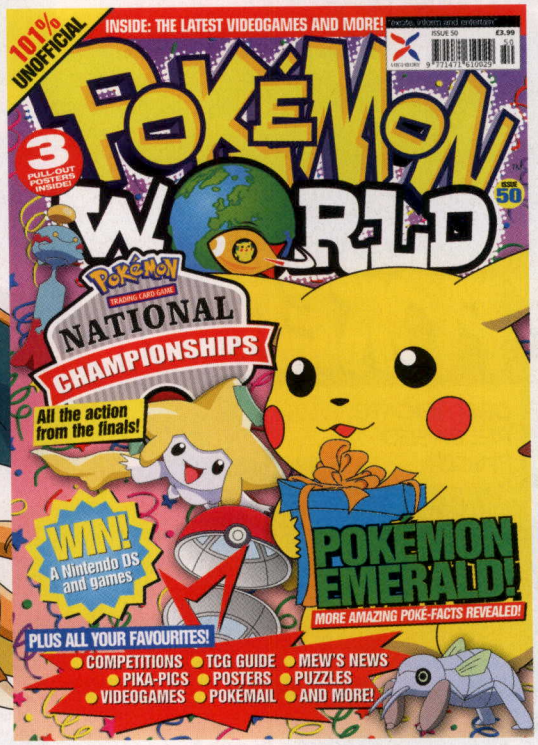

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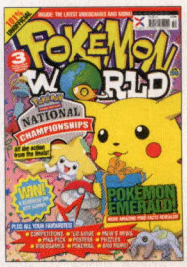

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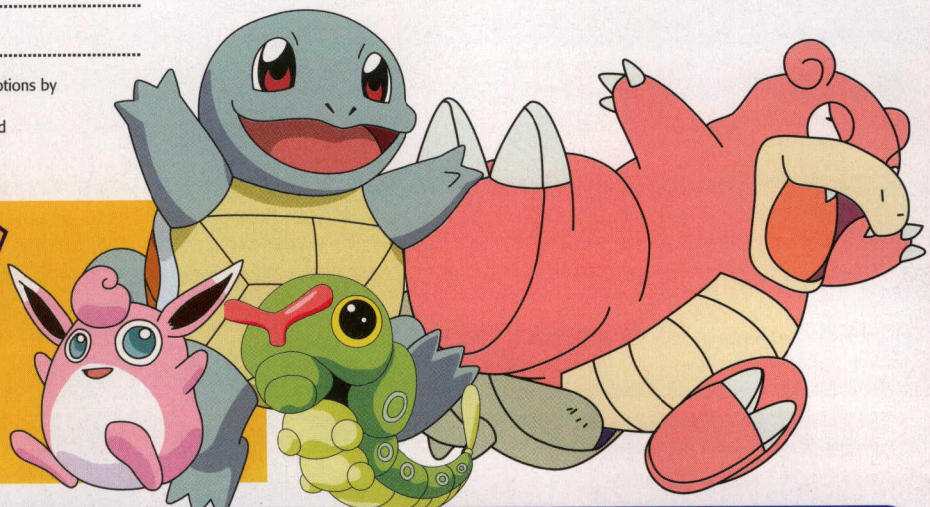

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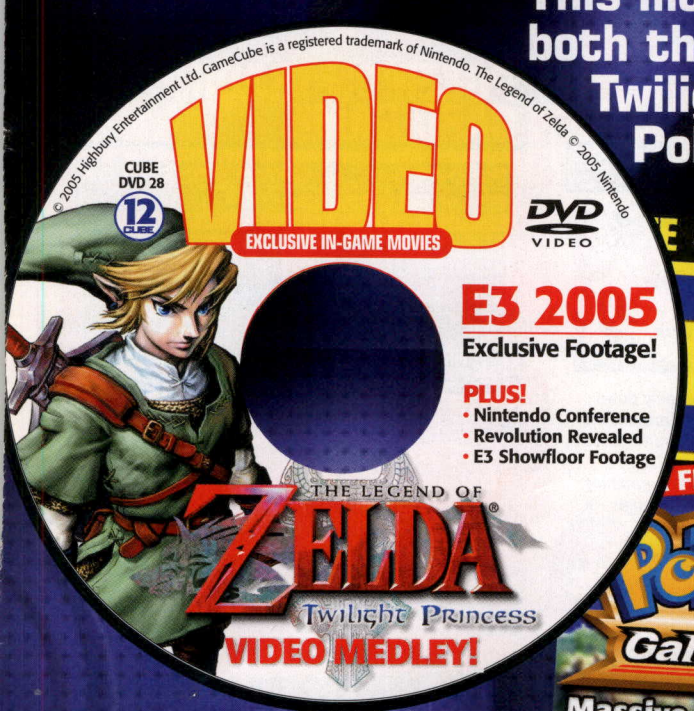

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REVIEWS ROUND-UP

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POKÉMON RED/BLUE

FORMAT: GAME BOY COLOR
ISSUE REVIEWED: 01

In September 1999, *Pokémon* arrived in the UK and went on to sell by the bucket load! A small boy is given his first Pokémon by Professor Oak and asked to catch and train all 151 Pokémon to become a Pokémon Master. You must train your monster to fight and then try to outwit the wild Pokémon hiding in long grass and caves.

SCORE 4/5

SUMMING UP:
Where it all started: still fun to play today!

POKÉMON PINBALL

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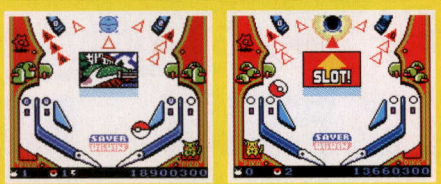


You're guaranteed serious fun here! The only down side is that rather than following the ball around the table, the on-screen view flips from the top to bottom, which can make you feel queasy when you're concentrating! The combination of monster catching and addictive action is a sure-fire winner though – it was certainly a big hit with us!

SCORE 4/5

SUMMING UP:
A great play for pinball and Pokéfans alike!

POKÉMON TRADING CARD GAME

FORMAT: GAME BOY COLOR
ISSUE REVIEWED: 01

This game includes all the elements of the Wizards card game. Anyone who has played the Trading Card Game will love this Game Boy version, as it enables you to practise playing cards without damaging your trophies. For other fans, this could be a great way to learn how to play, but may not be of great interest to all of you Pokémon trainers!

SCORE 4/5

SUMMING UP:
All Pokémon trainers need this game!

POKÉMON GOLD/SILVER

FORMAT: GAME BOY COLOR
ISSUE REVIEWED: 01

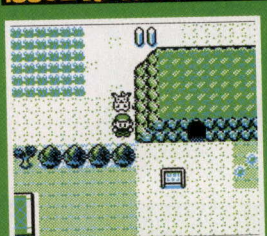
The follow-ups to the hugely successful *Red*, *Blue* and *Yellow*, these fantastic Game Boy titles introduced a whole new world to the budding Pokémon Master – the land of Johto. Players must travel around, as before, catching and training Pokémon, but with exciting new features such as real-time play.

SCORE 5/5

SUMMING UP:
The king and queen of Pokémon games!

POKÉMON YELLOW

FORMAT: GAME BOY COLOR
ISSUE REVIEWED: 01



After the success of the cartoon series, Nintendo released this follow-up to the first two games. *Pokémon Yellow* is similar to *Pokémon Red* and *Blue*, only you will receive Pikachu as your very first Pokémon and he will follow you around all the time, like in the cartoon. You will still need to trade to catch 'em all – but other than that, it is almost the same game as *Red* and *Blue*.

SCORE 4/5

SUMMING UP:
Nearly the same as *Red* and *Blue*

POKEMON COLOSSEUM

FORMAT: GAMECUBE
ISSUE REVIEWED: 38

One of the most awaited games ever finally arrives and was it ever worth the wait! Playing a lot like *Pokémon Stadium* on the N64 but without the mini-games, *Colosseum* features what is quite simply, the best battle system and Story mode ever created. Supporting all 386 monsters of the *Pokémon* world, Colosseum also gives you the chance to catch Jirachi himself. It also doesn't hurt to have the best graphics of any *Pokémon* game before it!

SCORE 5/5

SUMMING UP:
Probably the best *Pokémon* game yet!

POKÉMON CRYSTAL

FORMAT: GAME BOY COLOR
ISSUE REVIEWED: 04

The latest instalment in the *Pokémon* saga is an alternative edition of *Gold* and *Silver* that is, essentially, the ultimate *Pokémon* GBC game – provided you don't own *Gold* or *Silver*. Anyone who does will find it all strangely familiar! However, little enhancements, like animated battle sequences, add to the experience and some Pokémon locations and frequencies have changed, meaning Pokémaniacs will still find this Nintendo gem a sparkling little treat!

SCORE 3/5

SUMMING UP:
The last instalment on the GBC is a great way to end the series!

POKÉMON PUZZLE CHALLENGE

FORMAT: GAME BOY COLOR
ISSUE REVIEWED: 08

Pokémon on the Game Boy isn't just about collecting monsters and working out in gyms, you know – oh no! This backwards-*Tetris* style game has players busting blocks at manic speed, and is totally and utterly addictive. It's the perfect game to fill the time between bouts of monster battling – but are your fingers fast enough?

SCORE 4/5

SUMMING UP:
This version of *Tetris*, the greatest puzzler ever, is great to play!

GAMES REVIEWED!

POKÉMON STADIUM

FORMAT: NINTENDO 64
ISSUE REVIEWED: 03

The first N64 *Pokémon* game comes with an attachment to connect the console to the Game Boy. The Transfer Pak enables you to upload your very own captured and trained Pokémon and battle them in full 3D on the N64. There are a wide range of cups and challenges to complete and when you are ready you can take on the Gym Leaders. There are nine mini-games too!

SUMMING UP:
Pokémon look great with the N64's graphics!

SCORE 4/5

POKÉMON SNAP

FORMAT: NINTENDO 64
ISSUE REVIEWED: 03

Pokémon Snap is a highly enjoyable and surprisingly addictive game for the Nintendo 64, which sees you travelling around photographing wild Pokémon in their habitats. Unfortunately, it's completed just a little too easily. On the plus side though, you have every reason to keep coming back again and again to try and improve your Pokémon pictures!

SUMMING UP:
Take photos of all your favourite Pokémon!

SCORE 4/5

POKÉMON STADIUM 2

FORMAT: NINTENDO 64
ISSUE REVIEWED: 07

After the storming success of the first *Pokémon Stadium* game, this 3D battlefest has now burst on to the *Pokémon* scene, complete with 249 monsters ready for battle. It follows the same idea as the original, but boasts a whole stack of wacky new features, including new tournaments, brain-busting quizzes and more!

SUMMING UP:
A bit too easy, but there's loads of replay value!

SCORE 4/5

HEY YOU, PIKACHU!

FORMAT: NINTENDO 64
ISSUE REVIEWED: 04

At the end of the day, the idea of talking to Pikachu is something of a letdown. Our yellow pal seems to find it very hard to understand a lot of what you say and the games that you get to play with him are very simple and ultimately rather dull. *Hey You, Pikachu!* is a game which is very novel to begin with, and fun for a while, but it quickly becomes boring.

SUMMING UP:
Awkward to play and a bit too techie

SCORE 3/5

POKEMON CHANNEL

FORMAT: GAMECUBE
ISSUE REVIEWED: 37

Although this joyous title was stting in the shadow of *Colosseum*, there's no denying that it is certainly one of the most original *Pokémon* videogames of all time! With Pikachu as the main star, the aim of the game is to get the Pokémon TV station up and running. To do this you must play through a whole host of superb mini-games, including Odd One Out, Mareep Farm, Smeargle's Art Study and our personal favourite, Smoochum Shape-Up which sees Pikachu try and burn some calories infront of the telly! It may be similar to the N64's *Hey You Pikachu!* but there's no denying that this is one brilliant game!

SUMMING UP:
A brilliant addition to the Poké-franchise!

SCORE 5/5

POKÉMON PUZZLE LEAGUE

FORMAT: NINTENDO 64
ISSUE REVIEWED: 05

This N64 Pokémon game will have you bashing your joypad frantically in a move-blocks-or-die puzzlefest to end all puzzlefests. Crazily addictive, this *Tetris*-inspired game sparked furious rivalries in the normally mild-mannered *Pokémon World* team, the likes of which haven't been seen since Professor Yew won the egg and spoon race in the office sports day!

SUMMING UP:
Incredibly addictive and competitive!

SCORE 4/5

POKÉMON RUBY/SAPPHIRE

FORMAT: GBA
ISSUE REVIEWED: 29

After all the waiting, *Ruby* and *Sapphire* didn't disappoint. With loads of monsters, two-on-two battles, the new land of Hoenn to explore and many more exciting extras, these are must-have games! So far, only 200 Pokémon are available, but they're all in there somewhere! This is highly recommended for all Pokéfans, and even people who don't like *Pokémon* might change their minds after playing these games!

SUMMING UP:
Fantastic! We can't get enough of them!

SCORE 5/5

Warning! Some of the older games on these pages might be hard to find, particularly for old systems like the N64. You'll probably have to buy online or do a bit of searching in second-hand videogame stores.

Monster of the Month

Kecleon is one of the most amazing Pokémon as it is capable of changing its colour and type at will. This makes it incredibly difficult to defeat as it can change its type to negate any weakness it may have. You are unable to see this Pokémon without the Devon Scope!

Special Attack: Lick

Description: Kecleon spends the majority of its time in disguise and its ability to change colour means that it is incredibly hard to spot. Once discovered, Kecleon lashes out with its tongue and is capable of causing paralysis in its foes!

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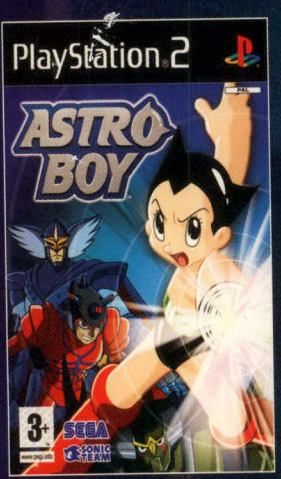

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